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TO THE MEMORY OF
THE REV. SAMUEL SEYER
AND OF
JOHN LATIMER

PREFACE

THE BRISTOL RECORD SOCIETY was founded on 15th March, 1929, at a public meeting, held in the Council House, and presided over by the Lord Mayor of Bristol. The object of the Society is to make available something of the wealth of historical material contained in the city archives, and in the collections of lay and ecclesiastical corporations. Without the facilities afforded by the Lord Mayor and City Council it would be impossible for the Society to carry out its functions. It is, therefore, appropriate that the first volume of the series should be a collection, which, we trust, will be the definitive edition, of Bristol Charters, transcribed and edited by the City Archivist. We gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of tendering our warmest thanks to the City Archivist for her labour, so generously given in time and effort, and to the City Council for its permission to use and publish the documentary material.

The Society hopes soon also to make a beginning with the publication of some of the highly valuable and interesting ecclesiastical manuscripts deposited in Bristol's ancient churches. It welcomes offers of assistance from any persons who have interest in these deposits, as well as in other material which is in private hands, or in the possession of other bodies.

The history of Bristol is so closely bound up with that of England, and, since the end of the sixteenth

century, with that of America, and the city has had so rich a local life, that the value of its vast store of manuscripts for the understanding of the legal, social, economic and ecclesiastical development of the country, is obvious to all students.

We desire to thank all members and the many friends from outside who have encouraged us in the task of bringing into existence this Society, which is the result of a long-expressed wish of Bristolians to see their city take its due place in the study of national and local history.

T. LOVEDAY,
Chairman of Council.

R. B. MOWAT,
General Editor.

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ABBREVIATIONS

C.T.	City Treasurer.
f., ff.	folio, folios.
l.	line.
m.	membrane.
n.	note.
O.E.	.	.	.	.	.	Old English.
p. pp.	.	.	.	.	.	page, pages.
P.R.O.	.	.	.	.	.	Public Record Office.

INTRODUCTION

THE earliest document extant in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol is John's charter of [1188]. It is first, too, of a series of over fifty royal charters and letters patent carefully preserved in the Council House. From these grants and confirmations of liberties to the burgesses from the king, their overlord, may be traced the development of corporate life in the borough and the evolution of all other classes of Bristol municipal archives. They are, therefore, the natural starting-point of research into civic history. In the interests of accurate historical chronology it was essential that their publication should precede that of other local archives. As study of the latter would, sooner or later, inevitably lead back to the charters, printing an accurate transcript of their contents would provide a groundwork for future undertakings.

The text of the original manuscripts in the Council House has never before been printed, nor have these originals been easily available. Partly on grounds of secrecy and partly from a prudent wish to safeguard valuable old parchments, the Corporation seldom encouraged attempts to inspect their documents. Existing works on the charters cannot be accepted as reliable, since they lack this final guarantee of accuracy—comparison with the originals. The Rev. Samuel Seyer, while blaming the Corporation for their refusal to allow his inspection of them, openly admits the limitation placed on his *Bristol Charters*, and deplores this deficiency in its preparation. Subsequent use of his book has proved what a serious deficiency it is and how necessary is the publication of an exact transcription.

John Latimer was the first able to use original material as source for his *Bristol Charters, etc.*, printed in 1909. He was allowed access to the archives stored in the City Treasurer's Repository, and was able to produce a calendar of some of the documents under the great seal relating to Bristol. But straightforward presentation of actual text was still lacking, and, with the growth of varied research into local history, its lack

was a tiresome and sometimes serious handicap. The absence of any form of index to the contents of these grants was another drawback, involving much troublesome searching.

When the Bristol Record Society was established in 1929 and manuscripts for publication were under consideration, the impossibility of preparing or annotating any without the help of the charters came to be recognized. Accordingly, the Society decided that a book of Bristol Charters and Royal Letters Patent should be its first publication. The number of grants being very large, it was clear that they could not be contained in a single book and, as they were easily divisible into groups, each group representing a well-marked stage of development, it was decided that the year 1373, which ended what might be regarded as the earliest period, should be the limit for the first publication.

Within this limit it was hoped that all documents under the great seal relating to Bristol might be included, so that the book should be a complete edition, compiled from originals in the city archives, from entries in the Charter and Patent Rolls and from a few other sources where such material was known to exist. The time available for preparation made this an impossible undertaking, while the number of entries in the Rolls was so enormous that once again they were beyond the capacity of a single book.

The question arose of publishing a selection, but difficulties in the way of choosing what to include and what to omit were unusually great. For example, one of the most important events of the whole period was the great insurrection, 1312-1316. The Corporation has preserved no contemporary records of this rebellion, but there are well over fifty long entries arising from it in the Patent Rolls. Each one of these is a necessary and relevant document, yet inclusion of all would be impossible without exclusion of other matter no less necessary for students of other events. The entries mentioned would themselves provide enough material for a separate book.

It was suggested that documents which must have come into possession of the Corporation should be the only ones included, but there were very many doubtful cases, and many important deeds fell outside this category. To take the example given above, the most informative entries were mandates and commissions addressed to the constable of the castle and "foreign" commissioners. Suppression of such material appeared doubtful wisdom. In conclusion, it seemed little worth while to publish

anything in the nature of a selection, since it would bear the unsatisfactory, if not valueless, stamp of incomplete evidence.

Under the circumstances, a modified plan, sound in itself and suited to the limitations of time and space imposed, had to be formed. Such a plan arose from the actual work of transcribing original charters in the Council House. Since these had never been made public, it seemed a fitting undertaking to publish the text of every document under the Great Seal relating to Bristol, up to and including 1373, of which the Corporation possessed an original or a copy. This would make available the entire contents of all such material in the city archives. It would be complete in itself and would fulfil the purpose of the Bristol Record Society—the printing of Bristol manuscripts. The present book has been compiled in accordance with this plan.

The material available was as follows:—There were ten original charters and letters patent¹ belonging to the period in question, some of them containing inspections of earlier grants no longer preserved. *The Little Red Book of Bristol*² had copies of two additional Redcliffe charters. There was an early nineteenth-century copy of a charter of Henry II in the archives of the Corporation of Dublin and, lastly, there were two large volumes, called *Bristol Charters, 1231-1460*,³ containing attested copies and translations of entries in the Chancery records, stored in 1825, when the volumes were compiled, in the Tower of London. *The Great Red Book, The Great White Book*⁴ and a number of other volumes listed in the bibliography appended to this Introduction contained copies of some of these and later inspections of them.

An outline of the history of charters and other archives, giving particulars of their custody, storage and preservation has already been printed.⁵ The text of the present book was taken firstly from original documents, the text of the earliest inspeximus being used where no original existed. The two Redcliffe charters were

¹ C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01205-01210, 01248-01251.

² C.T.'s Department: Custumals: 04718.

³ C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: Translations and Transcriptions: 04383(1-2).

⁴ C.T.'s Department: Custumals: 04719, 04721.

⁵ *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society*, Vol. xliii, pp. 227-249, *Bristol Corporation Archives*. P. 230, l. 20 should read *copies or not copies of*. Since its appearance, by resolution of Council in 1926, modern as well as ancient records (except those of the Docks Committee) have been transferred to the Archives Department, which is now under the Town Clerk's supervision.

transcribed from *The Little Red Book of Bristol* and the Dublin charter from a facsimile of the original.¹ After careful comparison of texts, the rest were retranscribed from photostats of entries in the Charter and Patent Rolls. This applies to the comparatively recent copies in *Bristol Charters*, too late in date for intrinsic scribal value and too much modernized for accuracy.

One entry from the Fine Roll, 4 Edward III, concerning the custody of the town, one from the Close Roll, 20 Edward III, concerning the priory of Hinton, and one from the Parliament Roll, 47 Edward III, a Norman-French petition for Parliamentary ratification of the charters that year granted to Bristol, copies of which are contained in *Bristol Charters*, are omitted from the present book. Grants in the *Little and Great Red Books* in favour of places other than Bristol have also been omitted. The documents included number thirty-eight. For their transcription and printing (pages 1-173), the rules listed on pages 219-221 of this book have been followed.² Doubtful cases have been annotated and certain other points listed below.

Abbreviations.—Proper names have generally been expanded within square brackets, so that the form appearing in the manuscript can be seen at a glance. Where longer or full expansions which agree have been found elsewhere in the manuscripts the longest form has been adopted for expansions. Doubtful cases have been left unexpanded. The exceptions to this are *westmonasterium* thus transcribed in the accusative case in accordance with general usage and the frequently occurring *Glouc'* or *Gloucestr'*, expanded without brackets as Gloucestria, Gloucestriam and Gloucestrie in the nominative, accusative and genitive cases respectively.

Individual words which might be, and sometimes are, expanded differently in the different originals have been transcribed as follows :—

Dat', *datum* or *data*, as *data* except where the second form is written in full.³

Littera or *litera*, as *littera* except as above.

Venali or *venalis*, etc., as *venali* except as above.⁴

Words which might be singular or plural are transcribed according to the probable meaning and annotated.

¹ See p. 13, note 2.

² As printed in Jenkinson's *Archive Administration*, pp. 225-227, (Oxford, 1922), with certain additions.

³ Occurring at the conclusion of each grant.

⁴ Occurring in all grants of murage, quayage and pavage.

Individual letters have been rendered exactly as in the original. In abbreviations where a *v* between two vowels is omitted, e.g. *brīā*, the missing consonant has been transcribed as a *u* in accordance with general practice in the manuscripts.

No distinction being discernible between *I* and *J*, *w* and *W*, the forms *I* and *w* have been used throughout.

Punctuation.—All punctuation marks have been transcribed. Those used in the originals have been rendered as follows :—

A full stop as a full stop.

An inverted semicolon sign as a semicolon.

A straight or curved stroke, varying in size, as a comma.

A long oblique stroke as an oblique stroke.

Lines in the original MSS. have been indicated by numbers within angular brackets, e.g. {3}.

Translation.—No attempt has been made in translation to solve historic or legal difficulties such as the exact implication of certain words and phrases. Time has not allowed of this. The translation has been made as close as possible a rendering of the Latin, useful for ease of reference but by no means a substitute for the text itself. Proper names have usually been given in accordance with the text itself, annotations supplying variants found in other manuscripts. This is especially the case with names in the perambulation of 1373, where comparison has been made with volumes of later perambulations and with printed translations. Latin place-names and Christian or surnames having modern equivalents have been thus translated.

Dating has followed a comparison of the findings of local historians and the standard tables or itineraries concerned with chronology.

The work of transcription and comparison of text discovered three things of general interest. There were a number of differences between the original manuscripts extant, and a very large number between the text here given and that of the printed versions at present available, especially of Seyer's *Bristol Charters*. The former have been noted, except in the many cases of minor scribal variations, such as in punctuation, use of *u* and *v* and of capital and small letters. The latter, except in a few instances, have not been noted, since it was thought unnecessary and unfair to point out differences that could not be helped, arising from use of a corrupt text.

There were a number of documents, chiefly grants of murage, quayage and pavage, not previously printed. They were noted

in Latimer's *Bristol Charters, etc.*, but the text is given here for the first time. The complete text of the appointment of the first Sheriff and of a charter of 12th January, 1331, not included in Seyer's collection, are also given. It was as a result of the comparison of the text of the latter document with those preceding and following it that the third and most interesting matter was noticed. A suspicious interpolation, strongly suggestive of forgery, came to light. It is described in the notes on pp. 73 and 78.

For the opportunity of making this material available in print thanks are due to the Council and members of the Bristol Record Society, to the Town Clerk of Dublin, who most kindly and courteously supplied me with a copy of the *Calendar of Ancient Records of Dublin*, to Miss E. A. Foweraker for help in certain difficulties of transcription and translation, to Miss E. G. Ingram for similar help, to Mr. E. W. W. Veale for stimulating discussions and suggestions and for much friendly interest, to Mr. Hilary Jenkinson for expert advice most generously given, and, lastly, to my own staff for willing and invaluable assistance in checking and comparing, and in other ways too numerous for mention.

In conclusion, it is necessary to say that this book, called *Bristol Charters* in accordance with local custom, has been compiled under pressure of a time limit and subject to long and frequent interruptions. It is, therefore, in no sense an exhaustive book of reference on the documents it contains. It is, literally, a bare text-book, providing, without other comment than the technical work of transcription required, a printed substitute for manuscript material. Research upon it is left for the users of the text, in the hope that they may find it a reliable and accurate basis for their work, saving them the task of difficult and troublesome search through the originals.

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THE following is a list of all manuscripts and books concerning Bristol Charters in the Archives Department of the Corporation. General Bristol histories and reference books are not included. Relevant entries from these are mentioned in the notes to the present text. The items are given in chronological order of compilation, not of acquisition by the Corporation. In the section devoted to original documents those included in this book are listed more fully than subsequent grants.

ROYAL CHARTERS AND LETTERS PATENT, ROYAL LETTERS OF COMMISSION.

[1188]	John, Count of Moreton.	01248	Grant of Liberties.
[1300]	28 Mar., 28 Ed. I.	01205	Inspection of John [1188]; 1 May, 11 Hy. III; 17 Aug., 36 Hy. III; 24 July, 40 Hy. III.
[1322]	17 Feb., 15 Ed. II.	01206	Inspection of 28 Mar., 28 Ed. I.
[1331]	12 Jan., 4 Ed. III.	01249(1-2)	Inspection of 28 July, 31 Hy. III and 17 Feb., 15 Ed. II.
„	16 Oct., 5 Ed. III.	01207	Duplicate of 12 Jan., 4 Ed. III as far as l. 71 of former.
[1347]	24 Ap., 21 Ed. III.	01250(1-2)	Grant of cage, etc.
[1373]	8 Aug., 47 Ed. III.	01208	Erection into a county.
„	1 Oct., 47 Ed. III.	01251(1-2)	Appointment of first Sheriff.
„	30 Oct., 47 Ed. III.	01209	Inspection of 30 Sept., 47 Ed. III.
„	20 Dec., 47 Ed. III.	01210	Inspection of 8 Aug., and 30 Oct., 1373
[1374]	48 Ed. III.	01211	Duplicate of 8 Aug., 1373.
[1378]	8 Feb., 1 Ric. II.	01212	Inspeximus.
„	28 Feb., 1 Ric. II.	01213	„
[1392]	18 Aug., 15 Ric. II.	01252(1-2)	Grant of quay pipe.
[1396]	1 Ap., 19 Ric. II.	01214	Inspeximus.
[1401]	17 Feb., 2 Hy. IV.	01215	„
[1414]	12 Jan., 1 Hy. V.	01216	„
[1423]	27 Mar., 1 Hy. VI.	01218	„ (Gaunt's Hospital.)
		(See 1541.)	

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| [1424] | 19 July, 2 Hy. VI. | 01217 | Inspeximus. |
| [1425] | 1 June, 4 Hy. VI. | 01253(1-2) | Burgesses to be Knights of Shire. |
| [1435] | 15 Dec., 14 Hy. VI. | 01220(1-6) | Licence in Mortmain. |
| [1446] | 5 Feb., 24 Hy. VI. | 01221 | Grant of Admiralty jurisdiction. |
| [1452] | 23 May, 30 Hy. VI. | 01254(1-2) | Royal Pardon. |
| [1461] | 22 Oct., 1 Ed. IV. | 01222 | Grant of Admiralty jurisdiction. |
| | „ 14 Dec., 1 Ed. IV. | 01224 | Inspeximus. |
| | „ „ „ | 01223 | Grant of liberties. |
| [1462] | 12 Feb., 1 Ed. IV. | 01225 | Grant of town in fee. |
| [1484] | 28 Nov., 2 Ric. III. | 01226 | Inspeximus. |
| [1485] | 22 Feb., 2 Ric. III. | 01227 | Confirmation of liberties. |
| [1486] | 16 May, 1 Hy. VII. | 01228 | Royal Pardon. |
| [1488] | 5 Feb., 3 Hy. VII. | 01229 | Inspeximus. |
| [1499] | 17 Dec., 15 Hy. VII. | 01230 | Charter of reconstitution. |
| [1510] | 10 May, 2 Hy. VIII. | 01231 | Inspeximus. |
| [1541] | 6 May, 33 Hy. VIII. | 01256(1-2) | Grant of Gaunt's estate. |
| | | (See 1423.) | |
| [1544] | 9 July, 36 Hy. VIII. | 01232 | Grant of Temple Fee, etc. |
| [1547] | 16 July, 1 Ed. VI. | 00001 | Commission of Admiralty. |
| [1548] | 5 Sept., 2 Ed. VI. | 01233 | Grant of Chapel on Bridge. |
| [1559] | 1 Mar., 1 Eliz. | 01234 | Inspeximus. |
| [1569] | 21 May, 11 Eliz. | 01235 | Licence in Mortmain. |
| [1581] | 28 July, 23 Eliz. | 01236 | Grant of liberties. |
| [1584] | 10 July, 26 Eliz. | 00860(1-2) | Grant of various properties. |
| [1585] | 25 Aug., 27 Eliz. | 01263(1-3) | Duplicate Commission of Lieutenancy. |
| [1600] | 5 Feb., 42 Eliz. | 00665(2) | General livery above value to John Crispe. |
| [1605] | 31 May, 3 Jas. I. | 01238 | Commission of Admiralty. |
| [1610] | 14 May, 8 Jas. I. | 07657(4) | Grant to Francis Doughtie. |
| [1620] | 31 May, 18 Jas. I. | 01239 | Licence in Mortmain. |
| [1623] | 25 July, 21 Jas. I. | 01264(1-2) | Deputation of Lieutenancy. |
| [1628] | 10 July, 4 Chas. I. | 01240 | Commission of Enquiry into Benefactions. |
| [1629] | 13 Ap., 5 Chas. I. | 01241 | Grant of Castle. |
| [1630] | 26 Oct., 6 Chas. I. | 01242 | „ „ |
| [1638] | 9 June, 14 Chas. I. | 01243 | Confirmation of Admiralty Rights. |
| [1643] | 24 Feb., 19 Chas. I. | 01258 | Royal Pardon. |
| [1664] | 22 Ap., 16 Chas. II. | 01246 | Inspeximus. |
| [1674] | 23 Oct., 26 Chas. II. | 01146 | Appointment of Severn Water-Bailiff. |
| [1710] | 24 July, 9 Anne. | 01245 | Confirmation of liberties. |
| [1793] | 7 July, 33 Geo. III. | 01247 | Exemplification of 2 June, 36 Chas. II. |
| [1899] | 21 June, 63 Vict. | 07887 | Grant of Lord Mayoralty. |

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- Hy. VI—Hy. VIII. *The Great Red Book of Bristol.* 04719.
Contains very many letters of safe conduct and a few writs and licences, a copy of 5 Oct., 6 John, in favour of Derby and a copy of 27 Ap., 36 Hy. VIII, in favour of London. A transcript and translation is in process of compilation by Mr. E. W. W. Veale.
- 1479-1898. *Ricart's Maiores Kalendar.* 04720(1).
The fifth part contains a copy of 20 Dec., 47 Ed. III, a summary of John's charter, [1188] (See Camden Soc. edition, pp. 90-92), and a copy of parts of 4 June, 34 Hy. VIII, creating the town a city.
- 1496-1587. *The Great White Book of Records.* 04721.
Contains copies of 24 Ap., 21 Ed. III and 8 Aug., 37 Ed. III ; also of 14 Dec., 1 Ed. IV ; 5 Feb., 3 Ed. IV ; 17 Dec., 15 Hy. VII ; 6 May, 33 Hy. VIII ; 4 June, 34 Hy. VIII ; 6 June, 1 Mary (Manor of Rowley, Stafford) ; 11 Dec., 13 Eliz. (St. Thomas' Market) ; 25 Feb., 27 Eliz.
1643. Copy Commission of Admiralty to Dr. Jones. 00011.
1651. Copy 11 Dec., 13 Eliz., granting St. Thomas' Market. 00041.
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- 1805-1816. *Charters of the City of Bristol.* 04382.
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1825. *Bristol Charters, 1231-1460.* 2 vols. 04383(1-2).
The first volume contains attested copies from the Chancery Records in the Tower of London, the second, translations of these.
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From a file of City Treasurer's miscellaneous papers. The town made a city.
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Prepared for Alderman Barker by the Dean and Chapter of Wells prior to his writing *St. Mark's or the Lord Mayor's Chapel*.

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 [c. 1901.] Photographic copy, letters patent of Hy. VII, 1495, to John Cabot. 01282.
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 "The Charter of his Majestie King Charles the Second as the same remaineth Recorded in Chancery Now Rêndered in English." Translation of 22 Ap., 16 Chas. II; copy of resignation "of the governing part of the Charter," 1683; copy of the petition and address of the Corporation, 1683; and translation of the charter, 2 June, 36 Chas. II. Written in two hands in leather-bound volume.
- [18th cent.] *Charter of Bristol.* 04391.
 "THE OLD CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, WHICH WAS SURRENDR'D TO K. CHARLES THE 2ND. A.D. 1683 WITH COPY OF THE INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER, ALSO THE NEW CHARTER GRANTED BY K. CHARLES THE 2ND. IN THE 36 YEAR OF HIS REIGN. A.D. 1684. ALSO A COPY OF THE QUO WARRANTO BROUGHT AGAINST THE OLD CHARTER BY SIR ROBERT SAWYER ATTORNEY GENERAL IN HILARY TERM ANNO 34. & 35. CAR. 2DI. AD. 1682 AND ALSO THE CHARTER GRANTED BY QUEEN ANN IN THE NINTH YEAR OF HER REIGN A.D. MDCCXI." This volume was formerly the property of Mr. Thomas Farr of the Town Clerk's office, and was by his widow given with her late husband's papers to J. Lewis. Finding it among his books, and being the sole executor of his will, Mr. J. C. Hippisley presented it to the Chamberlain of Bristol to be placed with the Corporation muniments, 7 Feb., 1817. MS.
- [1741-1742.] *Charters of Bristol.* 04390.
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BRISTOL CHARTERS

1155—1373

[*Henry II*, [1155].]

Henricus¹ Rex Anglie, et Dux Normannie et Aquitanie et Comes <22> Andegaue, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Iusticiariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus hominibus terre sue salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Burgensibus meis de Bristolo,² quod sint quieti de thelonio,³ et⁴ passagio, et omni consuetudine per totam terram meam Anglie, Normannie, <23> et walle⁵ vbicumque venerint ipsi et res eorum. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio quod habeant omnes libertates et quietancias et liberas consuetudines suas plene et honorifice sicut mei liberi et fideles homines, et sint quieti de telonio,⁶ et passagio et omni alia consuetudine <24> Et prohibeo ne quis eos super hoc disturbet contra hanc cartam meam super .x. lj. forisfacturam. Testibus. Thoma. Cancellario. willelmo fratre Regis, Reginaldo Comite Cornub[ie]. Rogero Comite hereford[ie]. Patricio Comite Sar[resberie]. Ricardo de hum[ez]⁷ constabulario. warino filio Gerardi Camerario. waltero de hereford[ia]/Iohanne Mariscallo apud Sar[resberiam].

¹ Text from original *inspeximus*, 28th March, 28 Ed. I, [1300] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01205), outer skin, lines <21>–<24> (See pp. 14 and 44). This is enrolled in the Charter Roll for that year, m. 9 (P.R.O. C53/86, m. 9). For later confirmations see pp. 68, 72 and 78 and Introduction pp. xix–xx.

A transcript and translation, under date 1164, are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," p. 1; a translation in Nicholls' and Taylor's "Bristol: Past and Present," Vol. I, p. 91; and an annotated translation in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 3–6.

² Bristollo on inner skin.

³ theloneo *ibid.*

⁴ et omitted from Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I.

⁵ wallie on inner skin and in each subsequent *inspeximus*.

⁶ theloneo on inner skin.

⁷ Or hum[et]. Both forms appear in the Charter Rolls.

Henry II, [1155].

Henry, King of England and Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs and all men of his land, greeting. Know ye that I have granted to my burgesses of Bristol that they shall be quit of toll and passage and all custom throughout all my land of England, Normandy and Wales, wheresoever they and their goods shall come. Wherefore I will and firmly command that they shall have all their liberties and quittances and free customs¹ fully and honourably as my free and faithful men and they shall be quit of toll and passage and all other custom. And I forbid that anyone disturb them hereupon, contrary to this my charter, upon forfeiture of £10. Witnesses: Thomas, the Chancellor, William, brother of the King, Reginald, Earl of Cornwall, Roger, Earl of Hereford, Patrick, Earl of Salisbury, Richard de Humez,² the Constable, Warren fitz Gerard, the Chamberlain, Walter de Hereford, John Marshal. At Salisbury.

¹ *Or* services.

² *Or* Humet.

[*Henry II, [1164-1170].*]

¶ Henricus¹ Rex Anglie Dux Normannie et Aquitanie Comes Andegaue omnibus baronibus Iusticiariis vicecomitibus <2> et omnibus ministris suis Angl[is] et Wall[ensibus] salutem Concedo quod homines mei qui manent <3> in sted' [sic]² meo in Marisco iuxta pontem de Br[istol]lo habeant suas rectas consuetudines et <4> libertates et quietancias per totam Angliam et Walliam sicut mei burgenses et nominatim in Br[istol]lo <5> et per totam terram comit'³ Gloucestrie sicut carta mea testatur et prohibeo⁴ ne super hoc <6> aliquis eis faciat aliquam iniuriam vel contumeliam etcetera.

[*In left-hand margin in a later hand*] 1. 12 Sept: 1619. this seemeth to be K. Henrie the seconde . . . [*here follow notes on other Redcliffe matters*] vide in libro Registro maioris⁵ paginam 28 John Guy Maior

¹ Text from "*The Little Red Book of Bristol*," f. 12b (C.T.'s Department: *Custumals*: 04718), calendared in Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 23. Barrett's "*History of Bristol*," p. 663, has a translation quoted in Seyer's "*Memoirs of Bristol*," Vol. II, p. 30. There is a transcript in Nicholls' and Taylor's "*Bristol: Past and Present*," Vol. I, p. 125, another in "*Ricart's Kalendar*," Camden Society edition, p. 29, note, and an annotated translation in Latimer's "*Bristol Charters*," pp. 6-7.

² Transcribed 'feodo' and translated 'fee' in existing versions.

³ Transcribed 'comitis' in "*Ricart's Kalendar*," and translated 'county' in Barrett and Seyer (See note 1 above).

⁴ Prohibeo in MS., transcribed 'prohibito' in "*Ricart's Kalendar*" (See note 1 above).

⁵ "*Ricart's Kalendar*" (C.T.'s Department: *Custumals*: 04720(1)).

Henry II, [1164-1170].

¶ Henry, King of England, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to all Barons, Justices, Sheriffs and all his Ministers, English and Welsh, greeting. I grant that my men who dwell in my stead [?] ¹ in the Marsh near the bridge of Bristol shall have their right customs and liberties and quittances throughout all England and Wales as my burgesses both in Bristol particularly and throughout all the land of the count [*or county*] of Gloucester as my charter witnesses. And I forbid that hereupon anyone do to them any injury or contumely, etc.

[*In left-hand margin in a later hand*] 1. 12 Sept: 1619. This seems to be K. Henry the second . . . [*here follow notes on other Redcliffe matters*] see in the Register book of the Mayor, ² page 28. John Guy, Mayor.

¹ The meaning of this word, wrongly given as 'fee' in existing versions, has not been traced. O. E. Stede, a place, is the derivation suggested here.

² "Ricart's Kalendar" (C.T.'s Department: Custumals: 04720(1)).

[Henry II, [1171].]

.H[enricus].¹ Rex Anglie et Dux Normannie et Aquitanie et Comes Andegaue; Archiepiscopis. Episcopis. Abbatibus. <2> Comitibus. Baronibus. Iusticiariis. Vicecomitibus. Ministris. et Omnibus fidelibus suis. francis. et <3> Anglis. et Hiberniensibus tocius terre sue; salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse. et <4> presenti Carta confirmasse hominibus meis de Bristowa Ciuitatem meam de Duuelina; <5> ad inhabitandam. Quare uolo et firmiter precipio ut ipsi eam inhabitent. et teneant. <6> illam de me et de heredibus meis; bene et in pace. libere. et quiete. Integre. et plenarie. et honorifice. <7> cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus. quas homines de Bristowa habent apud Bristowam; <8> .et per totam terram meam. Teste wilkelmo de Braosa. Reginaldo de Cvrtenaj. Hugone de <9> Gvndervilla. wilkelmo filio Aldel'. Randulpho de Glanuilla. Hugone de Creissj. Reginaldo <10> de Pauillj. Apud Dvuelinam.

¹ *Archives of the Corporation of Dublin.* By courtesy of the Town Clerk of that city, the above transcript has been made from a facsimile facing the title-page of "*Calendar of Ancient Records of Dublin*," by John T. Gilbert, F.S.A., M.R.I.A., Vol. I, Dublin, 1889. On page 1 is a translation of the grant. No reference to it exists in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol prior to 1816. "*Charters of the City of Bristol*" (o4382), containing a manuscript transcription, copied from the Bodleian library of Charles II's inspeximus, has fastened between its original cover of stiff paper and its first page a smaller double sheet of paper—inserted, probably, at the time the whole was rebound in leather. On this, under the heading *Ex Archivis Civitatis Dublin*, is a manuscript copy of the above grant concluding as follows:—

in dorso
Carta Regis Henrici

Auditor Gen^{ls} Office

Dublin Castle 1st Nov^r 1816

The above is a true Copy of the original Charter remaining in the Town Clerk's office on record and the accompanying facsimile is to the best of my opinion correct.

Thomas Harding

In punctuation, use of capitals and variations between u and v, the copy differs from the present transcript. The facsimile was transferred to the Central Library, where it may still be seen.

The version in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 3-4, shows yet other variations. Note 3 states that he copied the wording 'from Lord Lytleton's History of Hen' 2, book v. app' No. 1, who had it from the Archives of Dublin.'

Explanatory notes are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 8-9.

Henry II, [1171].

Henry, King of England and Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Ministers and all his faithful people, French and English and Irish, of all his land, greeting. Know ye that I have given and granted and by the present charter have confirmed to my men of Bristol my city of Dublin for [them] to inhabit. Wherefore I will and firmly command that they shall inhabit it and hold that of me and of my heirs well and in peace, freely and quietly, entirely and fully and honourably with all the liberties and free customs¹ which the men of Bristol have at Bristol and throughout all my land. Witness : William de Braose, Reginald de Courtenay, Hugh de Gunderville, William fitz Aldelin, Randolph de Glanville, Hugh de Cressy, Reginald de Pavilly. At Dublin.

Endorsed
Charter of King Henry.

¹ Or services.

[*John, Count of Moreton, [1188].*]

Iohannes¹ Comes Moreton[ie]. Omnibus Hominibus. Et Amicis suis. Francis. et Anglicis. Walensibus Et Hiberniensibus.² Presentibus Et Futuris. salutem. Sciatis <2> me concessisse et Hac Presenti Carta confirmasse Burgensibus meis de Bristallo³ infra muros et extra muros⁴ manentibus usque ad <3> metas ville. scilicet. Inter Sanbroc⁵ et Bewell'.⁶ et Britheuebrige. et Fontem In Itinere iuxta Aldebiriam. de Cnolle.⁷ Omnes <4> libertates et liberas consuetudines suas. sicut unquam melius et liberius et integrius eas Habuerunt tempore meo. uel tempore alicuius prede(5)cessorum meorum. Libertates autem. quas eis concessi sunt Hee.⁸ scilicet. quod nullus Burgensis de Bristallo⁹ Placitet extra muros uille de <6> villo Placito. Preter Placita de exterioribus tenementis. que non pertinent ad Hundredum ville.¹⁰ Et quod sint quieti¹¹ de murdro Infra metas vil<7>le. Et quod nullus Burgensis Faciat duellum nisi apellatus fuerit de morte exterioris hominis. qui occisus fuerit in villa. et qui non fuerit de <8> villa. Et quod nemo capiat Hospicium infra muros per assisam. uel per liberacionem marescallorum contra uoluntatem Burgensium. Et quod sint quieti <9> de Theloneo et Lestagio. et Passagio et

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01248). It is written on parchment measuring 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. A faded red cord is threaded through the fold at its lower edge but the seal is missing. An s, an f and an a have been written on the outside of the fold. It is confirmed verbatim in *inspeximus*, 28th March, 28 Ed. I, [1300] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01205), outer skin, lines <3>-<19> (See p. 44); in *inspeximus*, 17th Feb., 15 Ed. II, [1322] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01206); in *inspeximus*, 12th Jan., 4 Ed. III, [1331] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01249 (1-2)); and again in *inspeximus*, 16th Oct., 5 Ed. III, [1331] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01207). These are enrolled in *Charter Rolls*, 28 Ed. I, m. 9 (P.R.O. C53/86, m. 9); 15 Ed. II, m. 7 (P.R.O. C53/108, m. 7); 4 Ed. III, m. 5 (P.R.O. C53/117, m. 5); and 5 Ed. III, m. 13 (P.R.O. C53/118, m. 19) (See pp. 44, 68, 72 and 78). It is confirmed in substance in the grant of 17th Aug., 36 Hy. III (See pp. 24-28) and in many later confirmations (See Introduction pp. xix-xx).

There is an abstract in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 11b (Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 22), repeated in "Ricart's Kalendar," f. 224 and an English summary on f. 58 (Camden Society edition, pp. 91 and 24).

Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 5-11, gives a transcript and translation. There is a translation in Corry's "History of Bristol," Vol. I, pp. 199-203; another in Nicholls' and Taylor's "Bristol: Past and Present," Vol. I, p. 94; and notes in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 10-13. A reproduction appears in Bickley's "The Little Red Book of Bristol," Vol. I, facing p. 22, and another in "Apollo," June, 1927, p. 236.

There are slight scribal differences in the MSS., the more important of which are noted below.

John, Count of Moreton, [1188].

John, Count of Moreton, to all men and to his friends, French and English, Welsh and Irish, present and to come, greeting. Know ye that I have granted and by this present charter have confirmed to my burgesses of Bristol dwelling within the walls and without the walls unto the metes of the town, to wit, between Sandbrook and Bewell and Brightneebridge and the spring in the way near Aldebury¹ of Knowle, all their liberties and free customs,² as well, freely and entirely, or more so, as ever they had them in my time or in the time of any of my predecessors. Now the liberties which have been granted to them³ are these, to wit:—That no burgess of Bristol shall plead without the walls of the town concerning any plea except pleas of exterior tenements which do not pertain to the Hundred of the town. And that they shall be quit of murder within the metes of the town. And that no burgess shall wage battle except he have been appealed concerning the death of a foreign man who has been killed in the town and who was not of the town. And that no one shall take a hospice⁴ within the walls by assize or by livery of the marshals against the will of the burgesses. And that they shall be quit of Toll and Lastage and Passage and Pontage and of all

¹ Adleburyham in *Rocque's plan of Bristol, 1742* (See frontispiece).

² Or services.

³ Not 'which they granted to them' as in existing translations.

⁴ Shall receive none oste into his house:—"Ricart's Kalendar," f. 58. A hostel or lodging house. Cf. the ordinances for hostellers in the "*Liber Albus*" of London.

² *Hibernensibus in original inspeximus, 4 Ed. III, and original and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.*

³ *Bristallo on inner, Bristollo on outer, skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I. The latter persists in later confirmations. Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I, gives Bristollo. Original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II, give Bristollo.*

⁴ *muros omitted from original inspeximus, 5 Ed. III.*

⁵ *Sanbroc on outer, Sanbrok' on inner skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I, and in Charter Roll entry of same. Sandbroc in original inspeximus, 4 Ed. III, and in original and Charter Roll entry, 5 Ed. III.*

⁶ *Bewelle in Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III.*

⁷ *Knolle in original inspeximus, 5 Ed. III.*

⁸ *hee sunt written over an erasure in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I.*

⁹ *Bristollo on outer skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I, and in originals and Charter Roll entries, 4 and 5 Ed. III; Brist' on inner skin and Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I, and in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II.*

¹⁰ See p. 73, note 3, for account of a remarkable interpolation in the MS. of original inspeximus, 4 Ed. III.

¹¹ *quieti sint in originals and Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III.*

Pontagio. et de Omnibus aliis consuetudinibus per totam terram et Potestatem meam. <10> Et quod nullus iudicetur de misericordia Pecunie nisi secundum legem Hundredi. scilicet. per forisfacturam. quadraginta solidorum. Et quod Hundredum tantum semel <11> teneatur in septimana. Et quod in nullo Placito possit quis causari per Meskenigam. Et quod iuste habeant terras et tenuras suas. <12> et vadimonia et debita sua per totam terram meam quicumque. eis debeat. Et quod de terris et tenuris que infra villam sunt rectum eis teneatur. secundum <13> consuetudinem uille. Et quod de debitis que accomodata fuerint Bristall'.¹ et de vadimoniis ibidem factis placita in villa teneantur secundum consuetudinem ville <14> Et quod si² aliquis alicubi in terra mea ceperit Theloneum de hominibus Bristallie.³ si non reddiderit postquam requisitus fuerit reddere. prepositus Bristallie³ capiat Inde Namium <15> apud Bristallum.⁴ et distringat reddere. Et quod nullus extraneus mercator emat infra villam de homine extraneo. Coria uel Blada uel Lanam. Nisi de Bur<16>gensibus. Et quod nullus extraneus⁵ habeat tabernam nisi in Naui. Nec⁶ uendat pannos ad decisionem⁷ nisi in Nundinis. Et quod nullus extraneus moretur in villa cum mercibus <17> suis. propter. merces suas uendendas nisi per quadraginta dies. Et quod nullus Burgensis alicubi in terra uel potestate mea namietur uel distringatur pro aliquo debito <18> Nisi sit debitor uel Plegius. Et quod possint maritare se et⁸ filios et filias et uiduas⁹ sine licencia dominorum suorum. Et quod nullus dominorum suorum <19> propter forenses¹⁰ terras habeat custodiam uel donacionem filiorum uel filiarum suarum aut viduarum. set tantum custodiam tementorum suorum que sunt <20> de Feodo suo donec etatem habeant. Et quod nulla recognicio fiat in villa. Et quod nullus capiat Tinam¹¹ in villa nisi ad opus domini Com[itis].¹² <21> et hoc secundum consuetudinem ville. Et quod possint molere Blada sua ubicumque. uoluerint Et quod habeant omnes

¹ *Forms Bristoll' and Brist' as in note 9, page 9.*

² *si inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.*

³ *Forms Bristollie and Brist' as in note 9, page 9.*

⁴ *Forms Bristollum and Brist' as in note 9, page 9.*

⁵ *mercator inserted above the line after this word in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I.*

⁶ *ne in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.*

⁷ *desisionem in Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II.*

⁸ *et inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.*

⁹ *et uiduas do. do.*

other customs throughout all my land and power. And that none shall be adjudged to be in mercy as to his money¹ except according to the law of the Hundred, to wit, by forfeiture of forty shillings. And that the Hundred shall be held only once in the week. And that in no plea shall any be able to sue by miskenning. And that they shall have justly their lands and tenures and their pledges and debts throughout all my land whosoever shall owe to them. And that concerning lands and tenures which are within the town, right shall be done to them according to the custom of the town. And that concerning debts which have been contracted in Bristol and concerning pledges made in the same place pleas shall be held in the town, according to the custom of the town. And that if anyone anywhere in my land shall take Toll of the men of Bristol if he have not restored it after he shall have been required to restore [it], the Prepositor of Bristol shall take thereupon a distress at Bristol and shall distrain to restore [it]. And that no strange merchant shall buy within the town of any strange man hides or corn or wool except of the burgesses. And that no stranger shall have a tavern except in a ship, nor shall he sell cloths for cutting² except in the fair. And that no stranger shall tarry in the town with his wares in order to sell his wares except for forty days. And that no burgess anywhere in my land or power shall be attached or distrained for any debt except he be debtor or pledge. And that they shall be able to marry themselves and their sons and daughters and widows without licence of their lords. And that none of their lords on account of foreign lands shall have custody³ or gift of their sons or daughters or widows, but only custody of their tenements which are of their fee until they shall be of age. And that there shall be no recognition⁴ in the town. And that none shall take Tine in the town except for the use of the lord count, and that according to the custom of the town. And that they shall be able to grind their corn wheresoever they will.

¹ As translated in Maitland's and Bateson's "*Cambridge Borough Charters*."

² Retail.

³ Or wardship.

⁴ See notes in Seyer's "*Bristol Charters*," p. 9, and Nicholls' and Taylor's "*Bristol: Past and Present*," Vol. I, p. 95.

¹⁰ forinses on inner skin of original *inspeximus* and in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I.

¹¹ tynam in original *inspeximus*, 5 Ed. III.

¹² Com' in original and later MSS., expanded here *comitis not comitatus*.

rationabiles Gildas suas. sicut melius eas¹ habu(22)erunt tempore Roberti et willelmi filii sui Comitum Gloucestrie. Et quod nullus Burgensis cogatur replegiare aliquem. nisi ipse uoluerit; quamuis sit super suam² terram ma(23)nens. Concessi etiam eis omnes tenuras suas infra muros et extra muros usque. ad predictas metas. in masagiis³ in virgultis in Edificiis super aquam et ali(24)bi ubicumque. fuerint in villa. Tenendas in liberum Burgagium. scilicet. per seruitium Landgabuli quod reddunt infra muros. Concessi. etiam. quod quilibet eorum possit (25) se emendare quantum poterit in Edificiis faciendis ubique. super Ripam. et alibi sine dampno Burgi et villate. Et quod habeant et possideant omnes (26) terras et Placeas vacuas. que infra predictas metas continentur ad uoluntatem eorum edificandas. Quare volo et firmiter precipio. quod predicti Bur(27)genses mei de Bristallo⁴ et heredes sui habeant et teneant omnes predictas libertates et liberas consuetudines suas sicut prescriptum est de (28) me et heredibus meis. sicut unquam melius et integrius eas habuerunt. quando bone fuerunt. bene et in pace. et honorifice. absque. omni in(29)pedimento uel molestia quam aliquis eis inde⁵ faciat. Testibus. Stephano Rid[el] Cancellario meo. wilhelmo de wenneu[al].⁶ Rogero de Plan[es].⁷ Rogero de (30) Nouo Burgo. Mauricio de Berkele. Roberto fratre suo. Ham' de Val'.⁸ Simone de Marisco. Gileb[erto] Rass'. wilhelmo de Lafaleise.⁹ (31) Magistro Benedicto. Magistro Petro. et multis aliis Apud Bristallum.¹⁰ [Endorsed] CARTA PRIMA de (2) libertatibus concessa per Iohannem (3) Comitem Morten'

[In a later hand] Datum apud Bristollum

[In a later hand] This charter of Kinge (2) John is granted. againe (3) & recited verbatim in (4) the charter of Richard 2.

¹ eas melius on outer skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I, and in each subsequent inspeximus and Charter Roll entry of same.

² suam inserted above the line on inner skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I.

³ mesugiis in in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I; Masagiis et in Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II; and mesagiis in in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

⁴ Forms Bristollo and Brist' as in note 9, page 9.

⁵ inde eis on inner skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I.

⁶ Wenneval is the form given in "Calendar of the Charter Rolls," Wennever in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 24.

⁷ Dlan' in each subsequent inspeximus (original and Charter Roll) and in "Bristol Charters," as above.

And that they shall have all their reasonable gilds as well as, or better than, they had them in the time of Robert and William his son, Earls of Gloucester. And that no burgess shall be compelled to repledge¹ anyone except he himself will, although he be dwelling upon his own land. I have granted also to them all their tenures within the walls and without the walls unto the aforesaid metes in messuages, in gardens,² in edifices upon the water and elsewhere wheresoever they be in the town to hold in free burgage, to wit :—by service of Landgable which they render within the walls. I have granted also that everyone of them shall be able to make improvement as much as he be able in making edifices everywhere upon the bank and elsewhere without damage to the borough and town. And that they shall have and possess all lands and void places which are contained within the aforesaid metes to be built on at their will. Wherefore, I will and firmly command that my aforesaid burgesses of Bristol and their heirs shall have and shall hold all their aforesaid liberties and free customs³ as is above written of me and my heirs as well and entirely, or more so, as ever they had them at what time they have been effectual, well and in peace and honourably without all impediment or molestation which any one shall do to them thereupon. Witnesses: Stephen Ridel, my Chancellor, William de Wenneval, Roger de Planes, Roger de Newburgh, Maurice de Berkeley, Robert his brother, Hamo de Valonis, Simon de Marisco, Gilbert Rass', William de la Faleise, Master Benedict, Master Peter and many others. At Bristol.

[*Endorsed*] First charter of liberties granted by John, Count of Moreton.

[*In a later hand*] Given at Bristol.

[*In a later hand*] This charter of King John is granted again and recited verbatim in the charter of Richard 2.

¹ 'Replegiare. To redeem by putting in legal sureties.' (Tomlin's "Law Dictionary").

² Or enclosures.

³ Or services.

⁸ Seyer's "Bristol Charters," p. 11, note (36), identifies this name with Hamo de Valonis.

⁹ Faleyse in original *inspeximus*, 4 Ed. III, and in original and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

¹⁰ Bristollum on outer skin of original *inspeximus* and in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I; Bristallum elsewhere.

[1st May, 11 Henry III, [1227].]

H[enricus].¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Normannie, Aquitanie, et Comes Andegauie, Archiepiscopis. Episcopis, Abba(21)tibus.² Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Iusticiariis, forestariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis quod inspeximus cartam .H[enrici]. Regis aui nostri in hec uerba. Henricus Rex Anglie . . . [here follows the charter of Henry II, [1155] (See p. 2).] (25) Nos igitur hanc concessionem et has quietancias et consuetudines ratas et gratas habentes; eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris confirmamus. Hiis testibus. dominis Ioscelino Bath[oniensi], et Ricardo Sarr[esberiensi] Episcopis. Huberto de Burgo Comite Kancie (26) Iusticiario nostro, willelmo mariscallo Comite Penbr[ochie]. Radulpho filio Nicholai, et Ricardo de Argent' Senescallis nostris. Henrico de Capella et aliis. Data per manum venerabilis patris Radulphi Cicestrensi Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud westmonasterium primo die Maij. anno regni nostri vndecimo.

¹ Text from original *inspeximus*, 28th March, 28 Ed. I, [1300] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01205), outer skin, lines (20)–(26). This is enrolled in the Charter Roll for that year, m. 9 (P.R.O. C53/86, m. 9). Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 12–13 and notes, quoting Seyer's translation, in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 22–23. For enrolment of the original grant which no longer exists see Charter Roll, 11 Hy. III, p. 1, m. 7 (P.R.O. C53/18, m. 7) (See p. 44). For later confirmations and enrolments see pp. 68, 72 and 78, and Introduction pp. xix–xx.

² In the right-hand margin in a later hand is written *Henrici* 3⁴¹

1st May, 11 Henry III, [1227].

Henry, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy [and] Aquitaine and Count of Anjou to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Foresters, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. Know ye that we have inspected a charter of King Henry, our grandfather, in these words. Henry, King of England . . . [*here follows the charter of Henry II, [1155]* (*See p. 3.*)] We, therefore, ratifying and according this grant and these quittances and customs, confirm them for us and our heirs. These being witnesses: the Lords Joceline, Bishop of Bath, and Richard, Bishop of Salisbury, Hubert de Burg, Earl of Kent, our Justiciar, William Marshal, Earl of Pembroke, Ralph fitz Nicholas, and Richard de Argent, our Stewards, Henry de Capella and others. Given by the hand of the reverend father Ralph, Bishop of Chichester, our Chancellor, at Westminster on the first day of May in the eleventh year of our reign.

[6th February, 14 Henry III, [1230].]

pro Hominibus
Bristollie

¶ H[enricus].¹ Rex etcetera salutem. sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta. nostra. confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris probis hominibus Bristollie quod ipsi et eorum heredes de consuetudine quatuor denariorum que per Robertum de Berk[ele] ² <2> et Gerardum de Athya tempore domini I[ohannis]. Regis³ patris nostri leuata fuit capienda de singulis Bracinis ceruisie ville Bristollie vltra duos denarios quos Constabularii Bristollie antiquitus capere <3> consueuerunt de eisdem Bracinis de quibus nullam prisam tine ceruisie ceperunt; inperpetuum sint quieti. Ita quod de singulis Brascinis seruicie predicte ville Bristollie; non capiantur decetero nisi duo denarii sicut antiquitus inde <4> capi consueuerunt per Constabularios uel Balliuos nostros. Salua Constabulario⁴ eiusdem Castri Bristollie rationabili Prisa Tine Ceruisie eiusdem ville Bristollie. quam Constabularii eiusdem Castri antiquitus capere consueuerunt ad sustentationem eiusdem Castri <5> Reddendo de singulis Tinis duos denarios. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti homines Bristollie et heredes eorum de predicta consuetudine quatuor denariorum que per predictos Robertum et Gerardum tempore ipsius patris nostri leuata fuit capienda de singulis Bras<6>cinis Ceruisie ville Bristollie vltra duos denarios quos Constabularii Bristollie antiquitus capere consueuerunt de eisdem Brascinis. de quibus nullam prisam Tine Ceruisie ceperunt. inperpetuum sint quieti Ita quod de singulis Brascinis Ceruisie predicte ville Bristollie non <7> capiantur decetero nisi duo denarii sicut antiquitus inde capi consueuerunt per Constabularios uel Balliuos nostros. Salua Constabulario⁴ eiusdem Castri Bristollie rationabili prisa Tine Ceruisie eiusdem ville Bristollie quam Constabularii eiusdem Castri antiquitus <8> capere consueuerunt ad sustentationem eiusdem Castri reddendo de singulis Tinis duos denarios sicut predictum est Hijs Testibus. I[oscelino]. Bath[oniensi]. R[icardo]. Dunolm[ensi] et w[altero]. Karl[eolensi] Episcopis. H[uberto]. de Burgo Comite Kancie Iusticiario Anglie. Stephano de Segraue. Radulpho <9> filio Nicholai. Iohanne filio Philippi. Galfrido dispenser. Radulpho Tirel. Ricardo filio Hugonis et alijs. Data per manum venerabilis patris .R[adulphi]. Cicestr[ensi] episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud westmonasterium .vj. die februarii. anno. regni nostri .xliij.

¹ Text from Charter Roll, 14 Henry III, Part 2, m. 12. The transcript in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 3, is certified under date March, 1825. A translation is given in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 4, and a full transcript in the "Calendar of the Charter Rolls," Vol. I, p. 113. There are slight scribal differences in the two transcripts.

6th February, 14 Henry III, [1230].

For the
men of
Bristol.

¶ Henry, King, etc., greeting. Know ye that we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the worthy men of Bristol that they and their heirs shall be quit for ever of the custom of four pence which by Robert de Berkeley and Gerard de Athya in the time of Lord John, the King, our father, was levied to be taken of every brewing of ale of the town of Bristol in addition to two pence which the Constables of Bristol of old time have been accustomed to take of the same brewing of which they took no prise of the vessel¹ of ale. So that of each brewing of ale of the aforesaid town of Bristol they shall henceforth take only two pence as of old time has been accustomed to be taken thereupon by our Constables or Bailiffs. Saving to the Constable of the same Castle of Bristol the reasonable prise of the vessel¹ of ale of the same town of Bristol which the Constables of the same Castle of old time have been accustomed to take towards the sustentation of the same Castle, rendering of every vessel two pence. Wherefore we will and firmly command that the aforesaid men of Bristol and their heirs shall be quit for ever of the aforesaid custom of four pence which by the aforesaid Robert and Gerard in the time of our father was levied to be taken of every brewing of ale of the town of Bristol in addition to two pence which the Constables of Bristol of old time have been accustomed to take of the same brewing of which they took no prise of the vessel¹ of ale. So that of each brewing of ale of the aforesaid town of Bristol they shall henceforth take only two pence as of old time has been accustomed to be taken thereupon by our Constables or Bailiffs. Saving to the Constable of the same Castle of Bristol the reasonable prise of the vessel¹ of ale of the same town of Bristol which the Constables of the same Castle of old time have been accustomed to take towards the sustentation of the same Castle, rendering of every vessel two pence as is aforesaid. These being witnesses: Joceline, Bishop of Bath, Richard, Bishop of Durham, and Walter, Bishop of Carlisle, Hubert de Burg, Earl of Kent, Justiciar of England, Stephen de Segrave, Ralph fitz Nicholas, John fitz Philip, Geoffrey Dispenser, Ralph Tirel, Richard fitz Hugh and others. Given by the hand of the reverend father Ralph, Bishop of Chichester, our Chancellor, at Westminster, on the 6th day of February in the 14th year of our reign.

¹ Cask or tun.

² Edge of roll worn away.

³ domini I[ohannis]. Regis omitted from "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 3.

⁴ Constabular' in Charter Roll.

[27th April, 24 Henry III, [1240].]

¶ Henricus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie dominus hibernie dux Normannie Aquitanie et Comes Andegauię omnibus probis <2> hominibus manentibus in la Redecleue in Suburbio Bristollie salutem Cum dilecti Burgenses nostri de <3> Bristollo pro communi vtilitate tocius ville Bristollie Similiter² et suburbij vestri quandam trenchiam in <4> Marisco sancti Augustimi [*sic*] incohauserint vt naues venientes ad portum nostrum Bristollie liberior et sine <5> impedimento intrare possint et exire quam quidem trenchiam³ sine magnis sumptibus perficere non [possunt *struck through*] poterint <6> vobis mandamus quod cum ex melioracione eiusdem portus non solum ipsis Burgensibus Sed et vobis qui <7> participes estis earundem libertatum quas predicti Burgenses nostri habent in villa predicta et in scotto et in <8> lotto ipsis estis socii non modicum comodum debeat accrescere vobis eciam multum possit vtilis et fructuosa de <9> operacionem [*sic*] trenchie predictę feliciter perficiend[am] secundum quod vos contingit vna cum predictis burgensibus nostris quibus <10> comitatis in libertatibus predictis opem qualem ipsi faciunt impendatis efficacem ne predicta operacio quam nostram <11> reputamus pro defectu vestri capiat dilacionem Teste me ipso apud Wyndles[oram] xxvij die aprilis Anno regni <12> nostri vicesimo quarto

¹ Text from "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 12a (C.T.'s Department: *Custumals*: 04718). It is calendared in Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 22, where references to other versions are given, namely, a translation in Barrett's "History of Bristol," p. 72, copied in Seyer's "Memoirs of Bristol," Vol. 2, p. 45, and Nicholls' and Taylor's "Bristol: Past and Present," Vol. I, pp. 125-126, another in Corry's "History of Bristol," Vol. I, pp. 227-228 and a third in Bush's "Bristol Town Duties," p. 87, all dated 29th April. There is also a translation, similarly dated, in Evans' "Chronological History of Bristol," p. 62. Notes appear in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 28-29.

² MS. has *Sil*'.

³ trenchiam inserted above the line.

27th April, 24 Henry III, [1240].

¶ Henry, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy [and] Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to all worthy men dwelling in Redcliffe in the suburb of Bristol, greeting. Whereas our beloved burgesses of Bristol for the common good of the whole town of Bristol as of your suburb have begun a certain trench in the Marsh of St. Augustine that ships coming to our port of Bristol may be able to enter or leave more freely and without impediment; which trench indeed they will be unable to perfect without great costs. We command you that, whereas from the betterment of the same port not only to the burgesses themselves but also to you, who are partakers of the same liberties which our aforesaid burgesses have in the town aforesaid and in scot and in lot you are fellows with them, no little advantage ought to accrue. Moreover, it may be very useful and fruitful for you for the work of the trench aforesaid to be perfected successfully according as it concerns you together with our aforesaid burgesses, to whom as sharers in the liberties aforesaid you shall give like efficacious aid as they themselves do, lest the aforesaid work, which we regard as our own, through your defection should receive delay. Witness myself at Windsor on the 27th day of April in the twenty-fourth year of our reign.

[4th May, 26 Henry III, [1242].]

De villa Bristollie
tradita ad firmam.

¶ Rex¹ omnibus etcetera salutem. sciatis quod concessimus probis hominibus Bristollie quod villam suam Bristollie quam eis concessimus tenendam de nobis ad firmam a festo <2> sancti Gregorii anno etcetera xxj. usque in .xx. annos completos. reddendo inde singulis annis ad scaccarium nostrum .C.C. xl. v. Libras teneant usque in vnum sequentem <3> completum ultra .xx. annos supradictos per predictam firmam .Teste. ut supra [me ipso apud Merewell' iiij die Maij. anno regni nostri xxvj]

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 26 Hy. III, m. 3 (P.R.O. C66/50, m. 3). The copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 5, is certified under date March, 1825. Its translation appears in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 6. Notes on the fee farm of Bristol are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 17-22.

4th May, 26 Henry III, [1242].

Concern-
ing the
town of
Bristol
delivered
at farm.

¶ The King to all, etc., greeting. Know ye that we have granted to the worthy men of Bristol that their town of Bristol, which we have granted to them to be held of us at farm from the feast of Saint Gregory in the 21st year, etc., until 20 years be completed rendering thereof every year at our Exchequer 245 pounds, they shall hold until one [year] following be completed, besides the 20 years abovesaid, by the aforesaid farm. Witness as above [myself at Marwell on the 4th day of May in the 26th year of our reign].

[28th July, 31 Henry III, [1247].]

Henricus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus hybernie, Dux Normannie Aquitanie; et Comes Andegauię; Archiepiscopis; Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Iusticiariis vicecomitibus prepositis Ministris et omnibus balliuis et fidelibus suis; salutem. Sciatis <3> nos concessisse pro nobis et heredibus nostris Burgensibus nostris de la Radecluye in suburbio Bristollie quod imperpetuum respondeant cum Burgensibus nostris Bristollie coram Iusticiariis nostris, sicut dicti Burgenses nostri de Bristollo respondent, et vbi respondent² et non alibi. Quare <4> volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicti Burgenses nostri de la Radecluye in suburbio Bristollie imperpetuum respondeant cum burgensibus nostris Bristollie coram Iusticiariis nostris sicut dicti Burgenses nostri de Bristollo respondent, et vbi respondent et non <5> alibi sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus Ricardo Comite Cornub[ie]³ fratre nostro, Ricardo de Clar[e]⁴ Comite Glouc[estrie] et hertford[ie] Iohanne Maunsell' preposito Beuerlaci,⁵ warino de Mountchanes',⁶ Radulpho filio Nicholai Ricardo de Grey, Iohanne de Grey, Iusticiario Cestr[ie] paulino Peyure Roberto <6> de Muscegros willelmo de Bello Monte, Roberto le Noreys et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud wodestok[iam]⁷ vicesimo octauo die Iulij anno regni nostri tricesimo primo.

¹ Text from the original *inspeximus* of 12th Jan., 4 Ed. III, [1331] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01249(1-2)), lines <2>-<6> (See page 72). An enrolment appears in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 12a, and is calendared in Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 22, where references to other versions are given, namely, a translation in Barrett's "History of Bristol," p. 670, and a transcript and translation in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," No. v, pp. 14-15. A hole is worn through the centre of the entry in the Charter Roll, 31 Hy. III, m. 3 (P.R.O. C53/39, m. 3). There are slight scribal differences in the MSS. in addition to those noted below. See also Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 29-30. For later confirmations and enrolments see p. 78 and Introduction pp. xix-xx.

² et vbi respondent omitted from "The Little Red Book of Bristol."

³ Ricardo de Cornubie in "The Little Red Book of Bristol."

⁴ Name appears elsewhere as Clare or Clara but is written Clare in "The Little Red Book of Bristol." The Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III, have Clara

⁵ "The Little Red Book of Bristol" gives no further names. Beuerlacy is the spelling in the Charter Roll.

⁶ Muntchanes in Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III.

⁷ wodestoke in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

28th July, 31 Henry III, [1247].

Henry, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy [and] Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. Know ye that we have granted for us and our heirs to our burgesses of Redcliffe in the suburb of Bristol that they shall answer for ever with our burgesses of Bristol before our Justices as our said burgesses of Bristol answer, and where they answer and not elsewhere. Wherefore we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that our aforesaid burgesses of Redcliffe in the suburb of Bristol shall answer for ever with our burgesses of Bristol before our Justices as our said burgesses of Bristol answer, and where they answer and not elsewhere as is aforesaid. These being witnesses: Richard, Earl of Cornwall, our brother, Richard de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, John Mansel, Reeve of Beverley, Warren de Mountchanes, Ralph fitz Nicholas, Richard de Grey, John de Grey, Justiciar of Chester, Paulinus Peyvre, Robert de Muscegros, William de Bello Monte, Robert le Noreys and others. Given by our hand at Woodstock on the twenty-eighth day of July in the thirty-first year of our reign.

[17th August, 36 Henry III, [1252].]

Henricus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Normannie, Aquitanie, et Comes Andegaue, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Iusticiariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, <28> Ministris, et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris quasdam libertates concessas Burgensibus nostris de Bristollo, et heredibus suis inperpetuum, a domino .I[ohanne]. Rege² patre nostro, dum fuit Comes <29> Moreton[ie], per cartam suam eis inde confectam. videlicet quod nullus Burgensis Bristollie, placitet³ de ullo placito extra muros ville Bristollie, preter placita de exterioribus tenementis, que non pertinent ad Hundredum uille. Item quod sint quieti de murdro infra metas ville. Item <30> quod nullus Burgensis⁴ faciat duellum, nisi appellatus fuerit de morte exterioris hominis qui non fuerit de uilla, et qui occisus fuerit in uilla. Item quod nullus Burgensis amerciatur ad penam pecuniariam nisi secundum legem Hundredi, scilicet ad summam viginti solidorum. Item <31> quod nullus Burgensis possit occasionari in ullo⁵ placito per Meskenigem.⁶ Item quod Hundredum Bristollie tantum semel teneatur in septimana. Item quod iuste habeant terras et tenuras suas, et⁷ vadia sua, et debita⁸ sua quicumque eis debeat. et quod de terris et tenuris <32> suis que infra uillam sunt; rectum eis teneatur secundum consuetudinem uille. Et quod de debitis que accomodata fuerint Bristoll', et de vademoniis ibidem datis placita in uilla teneantur. Et si aliquis⁹ alicubi in terra iniuste ceperit teloneum, de hominibus. <33> Bristollie, et non reddiderit, postquam requisitus fuerit reddere; Prepositus Bristollie capiet pro eo namium apud Bristollum, et distringet reddere. Et¹⁰ quod nullus extraneus mercator emat infra villam de homine extraneo coria, blada,

¹ Text from original inspeximus, 28th March, 28 Ed. I, [1300] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01205), outer skin, lines <27>-<45> (See p. 44). This is enrolled in the Charter Roll for that year, m. 9 (P.R.O. C53/86, m. 9), while the original grant, which no longer exists, is entered in Charter Roll, 36 Hy. III, m. 5 (P.R.O. C53/44, m. 5). For later confirmations and enrolments see pp. 68, 72 and 78, and Introduction pp. xix-xx. An abstract of the above is given in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 11b (Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 22). Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 16-20, gives transcript and translation. Notes appear in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 30.

² Rege inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II.

³ placitet seu placitetur in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III (See p. 73, note 3 and p. 78 note 2).

17th August, 36 Henry III, [1252].

Henry, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy [and] Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. Know ye that we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed for us and our heirs certain liberties granted to our burgesses of Bristol and to their heirs for ever by Lord John, the King our father, while he was Count of Moreton by his charter thereupon granted to them, namely :—That no burgess of Bristol shall plead concerning any plea without the walls of the town of Bristol except pleas of exterior tenements which do not pertain to the Hundred of the town. Item, that they shall be quit of murder within the metes of the town. Item, that no burgess shall wage battle, except he have been appealed concerning the death of a foreign man who was not of the town and who has been killed in the town. Item, that no burgess shall be amerced in a money penalty except according to the law of the Hundred, to wit, in the sum of twenty shillings. Item, that no burgess shall be able to be charged in any plea by Miskennig. Item, that the Hundred of Bristol shall be held only once in the week. Item, that they shall have justly their lands and tenures and their pledges and their debts whosoever shall owe to them. And that concerning their lands and tenures which are within the town, right shall be done to them according to the custom of the town. And that concerning debts which have been contracted in Bristol and concerning pledges given in the same place, pleas shall be held in the town. And if anyone anywhere in the land shall take toll unjustly of the men of Bristol and shall not restore [it] after he shall have been required to restore [it], the Prepositor of Bristol shall take for it a distress

⁴ Burgensium in *Charter Roll*, 36 Hy. III.

⁵ nullo in *Charter Roll*, 5 Ed. III.

⁶ meskennigge in *Charter Roll*, 36 Hy. III, and meskennige in *Charter Roll*, 4 Ed. III.

⁷ et inserted above the line in *Charter Roll*, 5 Ed. III.

⁸ et vadia et debita sua in *Charter Rolls*, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

⁹ alicubi in terra aliquis on inner skin of original *inspeximus* and in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I.

¹⁰ In the left-hand margin of the inner skin, opposite this clause, is written, in a later hand, *quod nullus extraneus [merca]tor emat de etcetera*

lanam, vel alias mer<34>candisas,¹ nisi de Burgensibus eiusdem uille. Et quod nullus extraneus mercator habeat tabernam nisi in naui, nec vendat pannos scindendos nisi in Nundinis. Et quod nullus extraneus mercator moretur in uilla² cum mercibus suis ad eas vendendas <35> ultra quadraginta dies. Et quod possint maritare se, filios, et filias suas, et uiduas sine licencia dominorum suorum. Et quod nullus dominorum suorum propter forinsecas terras suas habeat³ custodiam uel maritagium filiorum uel filiarum suarum aut <36> uiduarum nisi tantum custodiam tenementorum suorum que sunt de feodo suo, donec etatem legitimam compleuerint. Et quod nullus capiat tinam nisi ad opus domini, et hoc secundum consuetudinem uille, scilicet quod tina contineat viginti et quatuor galones <37> et vbi capta non est; dentur nobis duo denarii pro dicta tina.⁴ Et quod possint molere blada sua vbicumque voluerint. et quod habeant omnes rationabiles gildas suas. Et quod nullus Burgensis cogatur replegiare aliquem nisi bene voluerit <38> quamuis maneat super terram suam. Et quod teneant omnes terras et tenuras suas infra muros et extra vsque ad metas Bristollie in mesuagiis, virgultis, et edificiis super aquam, et alibi vbicumque fuerint in uilla tenendas in liberum bur<39>gagium, scilicet per seruicium landgabuli, quod reddunt infra muros. Sunt eciam mete ville inter Sandbrok'⁵ et Bowell[e],⁶ Brichtieuebrigg,'⁷ et fontem in itinere iuxta Aldebiriam⁸ de Knolle. Et quod quilibet eorum possit se emendare <40> quantum poterit in edificiis faciendis super ripam et alibi sine dampno⁹ burgi et uillate. Et quod habeant et possideant omnes terras suas, et¹⁰ placias vacuas, que infra predictas metas continentur ad voluntatem suam edificandas. Concessi<41>mus eciam eisdem Burgensibus, adicientes libertatibus predictis, quod nullus eorum decetero occasionetur ab aliquo Iusticiario nostro foreste, uel alio Balliuo nostro, pro venacione inuenta infra muros eiusdem uille Bristollie. Quare uolumus et firmiter <42> precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod predicti Burgenses Bristollie et heredes sui habeant et teneant in

¹ vel alias mercandisas *an addition to John's charter.*

² in villa *written twice in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I, and the second time expunged and struck through.*

³ habeant *in Charter Roll, 36 Hy. III.*

⁴ *An interpolation not found in John's original charter.*

⁵ Sandbroc' *in Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III.*

⁶ Bowell' *in text; Bewelle in Charter Roll, 36 Hy. III; Bewell' in original insperimus, 4 Ed. III, and in original and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.*

at Bristol and shall distrain to restore [it]. And that no strange merchant shall buy within the town of a strange man hides, corn, wool or other merchandise except of the burgesses of the same town. And that no strange merchant shall have a tavern except in a ship nor shall sell cloths for cutting¹ except in the fair. And that no strange merchant shall tarry in the town with his wares in order to sell them beyond forty days. And that they shall be able to marry themselves, their sons and daughters and widows without licence of their lords. And that none of their lords on account of their foreign lands shall have custody² or marriage of their sons or daughters or widows except only custody of their tenements which are of their fee until they shall have completed lawful age. And that none shall take Tine except for the use of the lord and that according to the custom of the town, to wit, that the Tine shall contain twenty and four gallons and where it is not taken there shall be given to us two pence for the said Tine. And that they shall be able to grind their corn wheresoever they will. And that they shall have all their reasonable gilds. And that no burgess shall be compelled to repledge anyone except he wish it well although he shall dwell upon his own land. And that they shall hold all their lands and tenures within the walls and without unto the metes of Bristol in messuages, in gardens³ and edifices upon the water and elsewhere, wheresoever they be in the town, to be held in free burgage, to wit, by service of landgable which they pay within the walls. Also, the metes of the town are between Sandbrook and Bewell and Brightneebridge and the spring in the way near Aldebury of Knowle. And that everyone of them shall be able to make improvement as much as he be able in making edifices upon the bank and elsewhere without damage to the borough and town. And that they shall have and possess all their lands and void places which are contained within the aforesaid metes to be built on at their will. We have granted also to the same burgesses, adding to the liberties aforesaid, that none of them henceforth shall be charged

¹ Retail.

² Or wardship.

³ Or enclosures.

⁷ Brightinebrig in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I.

⁸ Aldebir' in text; Aldebury in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I.

⁹ impedimento in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I.

¹⁰ suas et inserted above the line on inner skin of original in *inspeximus*, 28 Ed. I.

perpetuum omnes terras et libertates predictas, cum liberis consuetudinibus suprascriptis, sicut carta predicti domini .I[ohannis]. Regis patris nostri dum fuit Comes More(43)ton[ie] quam inde habent, et hec¹ carta nostra rationabiliter testantur. Et cum adieccione predictae libertatis de venacione inuenta infra muros eisdem uille, sicut predictum est. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus .w[illelmo] Bathon[iensi] et wellen[si] Episcopo. et .A[damo] (44) winton[iensi]² Electo. Ricardo de Clare³ Comite Gloucestrie et Hertford[ie], Galfrido de Lezinnan,⁴ et willelmo de Valencia fratribus nostris, Radulpho filio Nicholai, Iohanne Maunsell',⁵ Preposito Beuerlaci,⁶ Bertramo de Crioll',⁷ Magistro willelmo de Kilkenny⁸ Archidiacono (45) Couentren[si], Galfrido de Langel[e].⁹ Roberto de Mucegros.¹⁰ Roberto walerand'.¹¹ Nicholao de Sancto Mauro, Radulpho de Bakepuz.¹² Rogero de Lokinton'.¹³ Roberto le Noreis¹⁴ et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud wodestok[iam]¹⁵ septimo decimo die Augusti. anno (46) regni nostri tricesimo sexto.

¹ hac in originals and Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

² wynton' on inner skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I, and in original, 15 Ed. II.

³ Clar' in text; Clare in Charter Rolls, 36 Hy. III, 15 Ed. II, 4 and 5 Ed. III, and in originals, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

⁴ Lezingn[an] in Charter Roll, 36 Hy. III; Lezinan in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I; Lezuman in originals and Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

⁵ de Maunsell' in Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II.

⁶ Beuerlacy in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

⁷ Cryoll' on inner skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I.

⁸ Kylkenny in Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III.

⁹ Langele *ibid.*

¹⁰ Muscegros in Charter Roll, 36 Hy. III.

¹¹ waleraund in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

¹² Two strokes have been added to h to turn it into capital B on inner and outer skins, 28 Ed. I.

¹³ Lokynton on inner skin of original inspeximus, 28 Ed. I, and in Charter Rolls, 15 Ed. II and 5 Ed. III.

¹⁴ Noreys in originals and Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

¹⁵ wodestoke in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

by any Justice of ours of the forest or any Bailiff of ours for venison found within the walls of the same town of Bristol. Wherefore, we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid burgesses of Bristol and their heirs shall have and shall hold for ever all lands and liberties aforesaid with the free customs above written as the charter aforesaid of Lord John, the King our father, while he was Count of Moreton, which they have thereupon and this our charter reasonably testify. And with the addition of the aforesaid liberty concerning venison found within the walls of the same town, as is aforesaid. These being witnesses: the reverend fathers William, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Adam [Bishop] elect of Winchester, Richard de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, Geoffrey de Lusignan and William de Valence our brothers, Ralph fitz Nicholas, John Mansel, Reeve of Beverley, Bertram de Crioll, Master William of Kilkenny, Archdeacon of Coventry, Geoffrey de Langley, Robert de Muscegros, Robert Walerand, Nicholas de Sancto Mauro, Ralph de Bakepuz, Roger de Lokinton, Robert le Noreis and others. Given by our hand at Woodstock, on the seventeenth day of August in the thirty-sixth year of our reign.

[19th February, 39 Henry III, [1255].]

Pro hominibus
Bristollie. De
villa Bristollie
claudenda.

¶ Rex¹ probis hominibus suis Bristollie salutem. Sciatis quod concessimus [vobis *struck through*] Eduuardo² Primogenito filio nostro et heredi in auxilium ville de³ Bristollo claudende ad securitatem et tuicionem eiusdem ville simul et parcium adiacencium quod cap'⁴ <2> in villa Bristollie a die Pasche⁵ anno etcetera .xxxix. vsque ad festum sancti Michaelis proximo sequentem⁶ et ab illo festo sancti Michaelis. usque ad finem duorum annorum proximo sequentium de qualibet naue veniente vsque Bristoll' carcata Mercandisis aliis quam⁷ vino .vj. denarios. et de quoli<3>bet alneo veniente ibidem de partibus Gloucestrie vel de partibus aliorum Comitatum carcato mercandisis .ij. denarios. et de quolibet dolio vini venali veniente ibidem .I. denarium et de <4> qualibet peisia lane venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum obolum et de quolibet lesto coriorum venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum .iiij. denarios. et de qualibet peisia <5> ferri venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum .I. obolum. et de quolibet Centeno ferri venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum .I. quadrantem. et de qualibet careccata plumbi veni<6>ente ibidem ad vendendum vnum obolum. et de qualibet peisia vncti. sepi. Butiri. et casei veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem. et de quolibet centeno de pellibus ouium <7> veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum denarium. et⁸ de quolibet centeno de pellibus agnorum. edorum. et leporum veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem.⁸ Et de quolibet millenario allecis <8> venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem. et de quolibet Centeno salmonum. Congruorum. et muluellorum veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum obolum. et de quolibet Centeno <9> hacorum veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem. et de quolibet dolio mellis venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum .ij. denarios. et de qualibet carecca comitatus Gloucestrie ferente <10> res venales in eandem villam Bristollie ibidem ad vendendas vnum obolum. et de qualibet carecca alterius comitatus ferente res

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 39 Hy. III, m. 14 (P.R.O. C66/69, m. 14). There is a copy, certified under date March, 1825, in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 7, and a translation in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 8. For translation of a similar grant see Bush's "Bristol Town Duties," pp. 84-85.

² Eduuardo . . . heredi inserted above the line.

³ de inserted above the line. It is an unnecessary correction as Bristoll' in the MS. was probably intended for Bristollie

⁴ Probably capiat is not capiat. See line <14> and 45 Hy. III, Oct. 22, l. <2>, p. 40.

19th February, 39 Henry III, [1255].

For the
men of
Bristol.
Concerning
enclosing
the town
of Bristol.

¶ The King to his worthy men of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that we have granted to Edward, our first-born son and heir, in aid of enclosing the town of Bristol for the security and defence of the same town as of the parts adjacent, that you [*or* he] shall take in the town of Bristol from Easter day in the 39th year etc. unto the Feast of Saint Michael next following and from that feast of Saint Michael unto the end of the two years next following:—Of every ship coming unto Bristol laden with merchandise other than wine, 6 pence. And of every vessel coming to the same place from the parts of Gloucester or from the parts of other counties laden with merchandise, 2 pence. And of every tun of wine saleable coming to the same place, 1 penny. And of every weigh of wool saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. And of every last of hides saleable coming to the same place to be sold, 3 pence. And of every weigh of iron saleable coming to the same place to be sold, 1 halfpenny. And of every hundred of iron saleable coming to the same place to be sold, 1 farthing. And of every cartload of lead coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. And of every weigh of lard,¹ tallow, butter and cheese coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. And of every hundred of pells of sheep coming to the same place to be sold, one penny. And of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids and hares coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. And of every thousand of herring saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. And of every hundred of salmon, conger and melwell² coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. And of every hundred of hake coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. And of every tun of honey saleable coming to the same place to be sold, 2 pence. And of every cart of the county of Gloucester bearing things saleable into the same town of Bristol in the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. And of every cart of another county bearing things saleable into the same town of

¹ *Or* grease.

² greenfish.

⁵ *Pasche written over an erasure.*

⁶ *sequentem . . . sequencium inserted above the line.*

⁷ *quam inserted above the line.*

⁸ *et . . . quadrantem omitted from "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 7.*

venales in eandem villam Bristollie ibidem <11> vendendas vnum denarium. et de quolibet summagio pannorum vel aliarum rerum venalium ibidem vendendarum preterquam de summagio Busce vnum quadrantem et de .x. ouibus vel capris <12> vel porcis venalibus illuc ductis ad vendendum vnum denarium. et de .v. ouibus vel capris vel porcis vnum obolum. et de quolibet Quarterio weide venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum <13> vnum obolum. Ita tamen quod occasione huius concessionis nostre de premissis nichil capiat post predictos duos annos completos. set statim completo termino illo cadat consuetudo illa <14> et penitus aboleatur. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod in auxilium predictæ ville claudende predictam consuetudinem capiat vsque ad terminum predictum sicut predictum est. In cuius etcetera. Teste Rege <15> apud westmonasterium .xix. die Februarii.

Bristol in the same place to be sold, one penny. And of every horseload of cloths or of other things saleable in the same place to be sold, except of a horseload of brushwood,¹ one farthing. And of 10 sheep or goats or pigs saleable brought thither to be sold, one penny. And of 5 sheep or goats or pigs, one halfpenny. And of every quarter of woad saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. So, nevertheless, that by occasion of this our grant of the premises nothing shall be taken after the aforesaid two years have been completed but, immediately upon the completion of that term, that custom shall cease and shall be utterly abolished. And, therefore, we command you that in aid of enclosing the aforesaid town you shall take the aforesaid custom unto the term aforesaid as is aforesaid. In [witness] whereof, etc. Witness the King at Westminster on the 19th day of February.

¹ *Or* firewood.

[19th February, 39 Henry III, [1255].]

Pro Eduardo
filio Regis

¶ Rex¹ Archiepiscopis etcetera. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac. carta. nostra. confirmasse. Dilecto filio nostro Edwardo quod ipse et heredes sui inperpetuum habeant vnam feriam singulis annis apud Bristollum <2> per .xv. dies duraturam. videlicet in vigilio et in die Sancti Laurencii et per Tresdecim dies sequentes. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predictus Edwardus et <3> heredes sui inperpetuum habeant predictam feriam singulis annis apud Bristollum per .xv. dies duraturam videlicet etcetera. cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad huiusmodi feriam pertinentibus <4> sicut predictum est. Hiis Testibus. Ricardo de Clar[e]² Comite Gloucestrie et Hertford[ie]. Bertramo de Crioll'. Iohanne de Grey Drozone de Barencin'. Nicholao de Molis. Petro de Neyrford Imberto <5> Pugeys willelmo de sancto Ermino³ et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud westmonasterium .xix. die Februarii.

¹ Text from Charter Roll, 39 Hy. III, m. 7 (P.R.O. C 53/46a, m. 7). The copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 47, is certified under date March, 1825. It is erroneously ascribed to 39 Ed. III. A translation appears in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 48. Notes and a translation are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 30-32.

² Clar[e] or Clar[a]

³ willelmo de sancto Ermino inserted above the line.

19th February, 39 Henry III, [1255].

For
Edward
the King's
Son.

¶ The King to Archbishops, etc. Know ye that we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed to our beloved son, Edward, that he and his heirs for ever shall have one fair each year at Bristol to endure for 15 days, namely, on the Vigil and on the Day of Saint Lawrence and for thirteen days following. Wherefore, we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid Edward and his heirs for ever shall have the aforesaid fair each year at Bristol to endure for 15 days, namely, etc., with all the liberties and free customs to such a fair pertaining, as is aforesaid. These being witnesses : Richard de Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hertford, Bertram de Crioll, John de Grey, Drogo de Barentine, Nicholas de Molis, Peter de Neyrford, Imbert Pugeys, William de Sancto Ermino and others. Given by our hand at Westminster on the 19th day of February.

[24th July, 40 Henry III, [1256].]

Henricus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie. Dux Normannie, Aquitanie et Comes Andegauie. Archiepiscopis <46> Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Iusticiariis, vicecomitibus, prepositis, Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et heredibus nostris Burgensibus de Bristollo quod ipsi et <47> eorum heredes Burgenses eiusdem uille de se ipsis eligere possint et creare Coronatores in predicta villa ad attachiamenta placitorum corone nostre infra predictam villam et libertatem eiusdem uille emergencium facienda et respondeant coram Iusticiariis² <48> nostris itinerantibus in partibus illis de attachiamentis per ipsos factis, et aliis ad officium coronatoris³ pertinentibus, sicut alii Coronatores nostri respondere debent et solent. Et quod dicti Burgenses pro transgressione seu forisfactura seruientum⁴ <49> suorum catalla et bona sua in manibus ipsorum inuenta, aut alicubi locorum per ipsos⁵ seruientes deposita; quatenus sua esse sufficienter probare poterunt; non amittant. Et eciam si dicti Burgenses aut eorum aliqui infra terram <50> et potestatem nostram testati decesserint; uel intestati; nos uel heredes nostri, bona ipsorum confiscari non faciemus, quin eorum heredes integre ipsa habeant, quatenus dicta catalla dictorum defunctorum fuisse constiterit, dum tamen de dictis <51> heredibus noticia aut fides sufficienter habeatur. Et quod iidem Burgenses per totam terram et potestatem nostram habeant et teneant omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines suas hucusque optentas et vsitatas adeo quiete et integre, sicut Ciues <52> London[ie] uel alii de regno et potestate nostra libertates suas melius et liberius, habent et tenent. Concessimus eciam eisdem Burgensibus quod si aliquibus articulis in carta⁵ nostra eisdem Burgensibus de libertatibus prius concessa, contentis/minus <53> plene vsi fuerint eisdem

¹ Text from the original inspeximus of 28th March, 28 Ed. I, [1300] (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01205), outer skin, lines <45>–<56>. This is enrolled in the Charter Roll for that year, m. 9 (P.R.O. C53/86, m. 9) (See p. 44). The outer skin being badly discoloured by damp on the lower right-hand side, the text of the inner skin has been taken when the outer proved illegible. See subsequent notes.

There is an abstract in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 11b (Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 22). A translation of an earlier, similar, grant is given in Barrett's "History of Bristol," p. 670; transcript and translation of the present document in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 21–24; a translation of the earlier one in Corry's "History of Bristol," pp. 223–224, and notes in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 32–33. Barrett and Corry date the brief grant they give, 1244. For later confirmations and enrolments, see pp. 68, 72 and 78, and Introduction pp. xix–xx.

24th July, 40 Henry III, [1256].

Henry, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy [and] Aquitaine and Count of Anjou, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. Know ye that we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to our burgesses of Bristol that they and their heirs burgesses of the same town shall be able to elect and create from themselves Coroners in the aforesaid town for making attachments of pleas of our crown arising within the aforesaid town and liberty of the same town and they shall answer before our Justices itinerant in those parts concerning attachments made by them and other things to the office of Coroner pertaining as other our Coroners ought and are wont to answer. And that the said burgesses for the transgression or forfeiture of their servants shall not lose their chattels and goods found in their hands or deposited in any places by those servants as far as they shall be able to prove sufficiently that they are theirs. And, also, if the said burgesses or any of them shall have deceased within our land and power testate or intestate, we or our heirs shall not cause their goods to be confiscated but their heirs shall have them entirely as far as it shall have been established that the said chattels were [those] of the said deceased, while, nevertheless, from the said heirs notice or faith¹ shall be had sufficiently. And that the same burgesses throughout all our land and power, shall have and shall hold all their liberties and free customs hitherto obtained and used as quietly and entirely as the citizens of London or others of our realm and power have and hold their liberties or better and more freely. We have granted, also, to the same burgesses that if they have not fully used any articles contained in our charter of liberties formerly granted to the same burgesses, they shall use the same henceforth,

¹ Security.

² coram Iusticiariis from inner skin.

³ coronator' in *inspeximus*, 28 Ed. I; coronatorum in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I; coronatoris in *original inspeximus and Charter Roll*, 15 Ed. II, and subsequent confirmations.

⁴ . . . entum from inner skin.

⁵ per ipsos inserted above the line on inner skin.

⁶ in dicta carta in *original inspeximus and Charter Roll*, 5 Ed. III.

decetero eo non obstante libere et sine impedimento alicuius vtantur. prout iidem articuli in eadem carta rationabiliter continentur. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicti <54> Burgenses et eorum heredes imperpetuum habeant omnes libertates prescriptas, et eisdem decetero libere et sine impedimento alicuius; vtantur imperpetuum, sicut predictum est.¹ Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram viginti librarum, ne quis² eos contra hanc libertatem et concessionem nostram molestare, vel inquietare presumat. Hiis testibus Guidone de Lezinnan, Galfrido de Lezinnan,³ et willelmo de valencia fratribus nostris, Iohanne de⁴ Plesset[o]⁵ Comite warwyk'.⁶ <55> Rogero de Thurkelby,⁷ Roberto walerand',⁸ walkelino de Ardern'. Nicholao de sancto Mauro, Radulpho de Bakep[uz], Bartholomeo le Bigod willelmo de sancto Ermino,⁹ willelmo Gernun'¹⁰ et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud Gloucestriam vicesmo quarto¹¹ <56> die Iulij. anno regni nostri quadragesimo.

¹ est omitted from Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I.

² nostram viginti librarum, ne quis from inner skin.

³ Galfrido de Lezinnan omitted from Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

⁴ The inner skin is worn into a hole at this point and the word de is missing.

⁵ Or Plesset[is]. Both endings appear in the "Calendar of the Charter Rolls." The Pl . . . is from the inner skin.

⁶ warrewik' in original inspeximus, 15 Ed. II, and in Charter Rolls, 15 Ed. II and 4 Ed. III.

⁷ Thurgelby in Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III.

⁸ walerand on inner skin of inspeximus, 28 Ed. I, and in original inspeximus, 5 Ed. III.

⁹ Ermyno in Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II; Erimino in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

¹⁰ Gernoun in original inspeximus and Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II.

¹¹ quarto from inner skin.

that not withstanding, freely and without impediment of anyone, as the same articles in the same charter are reasonably contained. Wherefore, we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs for ever shall have all the liberties afore written and shall use the same henceforth freely and without impediment of any for ever as is aforesaid. And we forbid upon forfeiture of twenty pounds, that any shall presume to molest or disquiet them contrary to this our liberty and grant. These being witnesses: Guy de Lusignan, Geoffrey de Lusignan and William de Valence, our brothers, John de Plesset, Earl of Warwick, Roger de Thurkelby, Robert Walerand, Walkelin de Ardern, Nicholas de Sancto Mauro, Ralph de Bakepuz, Bartholomew le Bigod, William de Sancto Ermino, William Gernun and others. Given by our hand at Gloucester on the twenty-fourth day of July in the fortieth year of our reign.

[22nd October, 45 Henry III, [1261].]

De muragio
Bristollic

¶ Rex¹ probis hominibus Edwardi filii sui Bristollie salutem. Sciatis quod concessimus predicto filio nostro in auxilium ville sue Bristollie claudende ad securitatem et tui(2)cionem eiusdem ville et parcium adiacencium quod a festo Omnium sanctorum anno. regni. nostri .xl. vj^{to}. vsque ad finem Quinque annorum proximo sequencium capiatis [in] <3> dicta villa. De qualibet naue veniente vsque Bristoll' carcata mercandis aliis quam vino sex denarios. De quolibet alneo veniente ibidem de partibus Gloucestrie <4> uel de partibus aliorum Comitatum carcata mercandis duos denarios. De quolibet dolio vini venali veniente ibidem vnum denarium. De qualibet peisa la[ne] <5> venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum obolum. De qualibet Centena ferri venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem. De qualibet carecta <6> plumbi veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum obolum. De qualibet peisa vncti. sepi. butiri et casei veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem. De qualib[et] <7> Centena pellium ouium veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum denarium. De qualibet centena pellium agnorum edorum et leporum veniente ibidem ad vendendum <8> vnum quadrantem. De quolibet millenario allecis venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum quadrantem. De qualibet centena salmonum congruorum et Muluell[orum] <9> veniente ibidem ad vendendum duos denarios. De qualibet carecca Comitatus Gloucestrie ferente res venales in eandem villam Bristollie ibidem ad vendendum vnum <10> obolum. De qualibet carecca alterius Comitatus ferente res venales in eandem villam Bristollie ibidem vendendas vnum denarium. De quolibet summagio pa[n]norum <11> vel aliarum rerum venalium ibidem vendendarum preter quam de summagio busce vnum quadrantem. De decem ouibus vel capris uel porcis venalibus illuc ductis [ad] <12> vendendum vnum denarium. De quinque ouibus capris uel porcis vnum obolum. De quolibet quarterio waide venali veniente ibidem ad vendendum vnum obolum. Ita <13> tamen quod occasione huius concessionis nostre de premissis nichil capiatur post predictos Quinque annos completos, set statim completo term[ino] <14> illo cessat consuetudo illa et penitus deleatur. Et ideo vobis

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 45 Hy. III, m. 2 (P.R.O. C66/76, m. 2). Certified under date March, 1825. There is a copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 9, and a translation in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 10.

22nd October, 45 Henry III, [1261].

Concern-
ing murage
of Bristol.

¶ The King to the worthy men of Edward, his son, of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that we have granted to our aforesaid son in aid of enclosing his town of Bristol for the security and defence of the same town and of the parts adjacent, that, from the Feast of All Saints in the 46th year of our reign unto the end of the five years next following, you shall take in the said town :—Of every ship coming unto Bristol laden with merchandise other than wine, six pence. Of every vessel coming to the same place from the parts of Gloucester or from the parts of other counties laden with merchandise, two pence. Of every tun of wine saleable coming to the same place, one penny. Of every weigh of wool saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of iron saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. Of every cartload of lead coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. Of every weigh of lard,¹ tallow, butter and cheese coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. Of every hundred of pells of sheep coming to the same place to be sold, one penny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids and hares coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one farthing. Of every hundred of salmon, conger and melwell² coming to the same place to be sold, two pence. Of every cart of the county of Gloucester bearing things saleable into the same town of Bristol in the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. Of every cart of another county bearing things saleable into the same town of Bristol in the same place to be sold, one penny. Of every horseload of cloths or of other things saleable in the same place to be sold, except of a horseload of brushwood,³ one farthing. Of ten sheep or goats or pigs saleable brought thither to be sold, one penny. Of five sheep, goats or pigs, one halfpenny. Of every quarter of woad saleable coming to the same place to be sold, one halfpenny. So, nevertheless, that by occasion of this our grant of the premises nothing shall be taken after the aforesaid five years have been completed but, immediately upon the completion of that term, that custom shall cease and

¹ *Or* grease.

² Greenfish.

³ *Or* firewood.

mandamus quod in auxilium predicte ville claudende predictam consuetudinem cap[iatis] <15> vsque ad terminum predictum sicut predictum est. In cuius etcetera Teste. Rege apud Turrim london[ie] .xxij. die Octobris.

shall be utterly abolished. And, therefore, we command you that in aid of enclosing the aforesaid town you shall take the aforesaid custom unto the term aforesaid as is aforesaid. In [witness] whereof, etc. Witness the King at the Tower of London on the 22nd day of October.

[28th March, 28 Edward I, [1300].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitannie² Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Iusticiariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Balliuis <2> et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam bone memorie Iohannes Comes Moreton[ie] fecit Burgensibus suis de Bristollo infra Muros et extra manentibus, vsque ad metas ville in hec verba. Iohannes Co<3>mes Moreton[ie]³ . . . [here follows the charter of John, Count of Moreton, [1188] (See pp. 8-12).] <19> Inspex<20>imus eciam cartam confirmacionis, quam celebris memorie, dominus .H[enricus]. quondam Rex Anglie pater noster fecit predictis Burgensibus in hec uerba .H[enricus]. dei gracia . . . [here follows the charter of 1st May, 11 Henry III (See pp. 14 and 2).] <27> Inspeximus eciam cartam quam predictus pater noster similiter fecit predictis Burgensibus in hec uerba. Henricus dei gracia . . . [here follows the charter of 17th August, 36 Henry III (See pp. 24-28).] <45> Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam quam idem pater noster similiter fecit prefatis Burgensibus in hec uerba. Henricus dei gracia . . . [here follows the charter of 24th July, 40 Henry III (See pp. 36-38).] <56> nos autem concessiones et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas ; eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris, predictis Burgensibus et successoribus suis, Burgensibus eiusdem ville, quantum in <57> nobis est, concedimus et confirmamus, sicut carte predictae rationabiliter testantur. Preterea concessimus eisdem Burgensibus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod ipsi et successores sui Burgenses eiusdem ville imperpetuum sint <58> quieti de muragio, stallagio et panagio per totum regnum nostrum et potestatem nostram. Et quod ipsi et successores sui predicti, quocienscumque et quandocumque Maiorem suum elegerint in villa predicta, tempore guerre dumtaxat <59> excepto, ipsum, Constabulario⁴ Castri nostri eiusdem ville qui pro tempore fuerit, presentent,

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department : Royal Charters and Letters Patent : 01205). It exists in duplicate on two skins differing in size, but fastened together with a modern green cord threaded through the folds at their lower edges. The outer skin measures 15½ × 23½ ins. and the inner 16 × 12 ins. The latter, which is worn, has been repaired by mounting it on a paper backing ; the former is much discoloured by damp.

The text has been taken from the outer skin except where discolouration has rendered the writing illegible. In those places the text of the inner skin has been followed. There are slight scribal differences between the two, in matters of punctuation, use of capitals, interchanges of u and v, i and j.

28th March, 28 Edward I, [1300].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. We have inspected a charter which John, of good memory, Count of Moreton, made to his burgesses of Bristol dwelling within the walls and without unto the metes of the town, in these words:—John, Count of Moreton . . . [*here follows the charter of John, Count of Moreton, [1188] (See pp. 9-13).*] We have inspected also a charter of confirmation which Lord Henry of famous memory, formerly King of England, our father, made to the aforesaid burgesses in these words:—Henry, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 1st May, 11 Henry III (See pp. 15 and 3).*] We have inspected also a charter which our aforesaid father similarly made to the aforesaid Burgesses in these words:—Henry, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 17th August, 36 Henry III (See pp. 25-29).*] We have inspected also a certain other charter which our same father similarly made to the aforesaid burgesses in these words:—Henry, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 24th July, 40 Henry III (See pp. 37-39).*] Now we, ratifying and according the grants and confirmations aforesaid, do grant and confirm them for us and our heirs to the aforesaid burgesses and their successors, burgesses of the same town, so far as in us lies, as the charters aforesaid reasonably testify. Moreover, we have granted to the same burgesses for us and our heirs that they and their successors, burgesses of the same town for ever shall be quit of murage, stallage and pannage throughout all our realm and our power. And that they and their successors aforesaid, as often as and whensoever they shall elect their Mayor in the town aforesaid, time of war alone excepted, shall present him to the Constable of our Castle of the same town who for the time shall be, who

The charters inspected appear in their chronological order on the pages named. For the first inspeximus of the present document see 15 Ed. II, [1322], p. 68; see also pp. 72, 78 and Introduction pp. xix-xx.

The grant is enrolled in Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I, m. 9 (P.R.O. 53 [86, m. 9]). There is an abstract in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 11b (Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 22). Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 25-27, and notes in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 40-41.

² -tan- of Aquitannie missing from inner skin where it is worn into a hole.

In the right-hand margin, in a later hand, is written Carta Iohannis Regis.

Constabulario nostro in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

qui ipsum prout moris est admittat, et prout huiusmodi Maiores eiusdem ville ad scaccarium nostrum prius presentari consueuerant <60> et admitti. et sumptibus eorundem Burgensium inde certificet Thesaurarium et Barones nostros de scaccario supradicto. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus .R[oberto] Cantuar[iensi] Archiepiscopo, tocius Anglie Primate .R[icardo] London[iensi] <61> .w[altero] Couentren[si] et Lichefelden[si]. et .S[imone] Sar[esberiensi] Episcopis. Iohanne de warrena Comite Surr[eye]. Rogero le Bigod Comite Norff[olkie] et Marescallo Anglie. Henrico de Lacy Comite Lincoln[ie]. Guidone de Bello Campo¹ <62> Comite warwik'. Iohanne de Segraue. Hugone le Despenser. waltero de Bello Campo Senescallo Hospicij nostri. Rogero le Brabazon. willelmo de Bereford', willelmo Howard' et aliis. Data per manum² <63> nostram apud westmonasterium vicesimo octauo die Marcij. anno regni nostri vicesimo octauo.³

[*Outer skin endorsed*] <1> Edward I 1300 [1290 struck through and 1300 written below it in a later hand.]

[*In an earlier hand*] <2> Carta Edwardi primi. Et Regis Iohannis.
<3> A.

<4> Anno : 28 : Ed. I : [*written twice.*]

[*Inner skin endorsed*] <1> Edward I 1290 Confirmacio Edwardi primi et concessiones <2> eiusdem [*The Latin inscription is in an earlier hand than the English.*]

[*On the outside right-hand corner of the fold at the lower edge is written*] the first Edward that rygned xxx . . . [*edge of parchment cut off*] <2> that was Henry the iij sonne

¹ -n[ie]. Guidone de Bello Campo *from inner skin.*

² -ard et aliis. Data per manum *from inner skin.*

³ per finem factum coram consilio. in *Charter Roll*, 28 Ed. I.

shall admit him, as the usage is, and as such Mayors of the same town were formerly accustomed to be presented and admitted at our Exchequer and shall certify thereof, at the costs of the same burgesses, our Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer abovesaid. These being witnesses : the reverend fathers Robert, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, Richard, Bishop of London, Walter, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield and Simon, Bishop of Salisbury, John de Warrena, Earl of Surrey, Roger le Bigod, Earl of Norfolk and Marshal of England, Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, Guy de Bello Campo, Earl of Warwick, John de Segrave, Hugh the Dispenser, Walter de Bello Campo, Steward of our Household, Roger le Brabazon, William de Bereford, William Haward and others. Given by our hand at Westminster on the twenty-eighth day of March in the twenty-eighth year of our reign.

[*Outer skin endorsed*] Edward I, 1300 [1290 *struck through and* 1300 *written below it in a later hand*].

[*In an earlier hand*] Charter of Edward the first, and of King John.
A.

In the 28th year Edward I [*written twice*].

[*Inner skin endorsed*] Edward I, 1290. Confirmation of Edward the first and grants of the same.

[*On the outside right-hand corner of the fold at the lower edge is written*] the first Edward that reigned 30 . . . [*edge of parchment cut off*] that was Henry the 3 son.

[2nd November, 6 Edward II, [1312].]

Ne maior et
ballivi ville
Bristolie se
intromittant de
custodia ville
predicte

¶ Rex¹ Maiori Balliuis, et toti communitati ville sue Bristolie ; salutem. Cum tricesimo die Septembris [*sic*] proximo preterito commisserimus dilecto et fideli nostro Bartholomeo de Badelesmere Castrum nostrum Bristolie <2> et villam predictam et Bertonam ibidem cum pertinenciis, custodiendos quamdiu nobis placuerit, prout in litteris nostris patentibus eidem Bartholomeo inde confectis plenius continetur, et mandauerimus vobis prefate <3> Maior et Balliui, ac probis Hominibus dicte ville, quod eidem Bartholomeo vel eius attornato in hac parte litteras nostras deferenti tanquam Constabulario nostro Castri predicti et Custodi ville et <4> Bertone predictarum in omnibus que ad custodiam eorundem pertinent intendentes essetis et respondentes, ac iam intellexerimus, quod vos pro eo, quod in mandato nostro predicto vobis prefati <5> Maior et Balliui, ac probis hominibus eiusdem ville directo de communitate dicte ville mencio non fiebat, attornato dicti Bartholomei vobis dictum mandatum nostrum deferenti loco ipsius Bartholomei pa<6>rere et intendere penitus recusastis [*sic*]. pretendentes vos custodiam dictarum ville et Bertone pretextu cuiusdam mandati nostri vobis de eisdem villa et Bertona saluo et secure <7> custodiendis, quousque nos de custodia earundem de consilio nostro aliter ordinassemus nuper directi habere debere² et quod alteri eo pretextu intendere nullatenus debeatis. Nos huiusmodi excusaciones <8> seu defensiones friuolas et in nostri, ac mandatorum nostrorum predictorum contemptum factas non inmerito reputantes ; vobis mandamus firmiter iniungentes, quod non obstantibus aliquibus mandatis <9> nostris vobis de dictis villa et Bertona saluo et secure ad opus nostrum custodiendis directis seu quibuscumque aliis excusacionibus in hac parte prefato Bartholomeo vel eius attornato has litteras <10> deferenti tanquam Constabulario nostro dicti Castri et Custodi dictarum ville et Bertone in omnibus que ad custodiam eorundem Castri ville et Bertone pertinent, ac eciam de omnibus et singulis <11> proficuis et exitibus per vos aut aliquem vestrum de dictis villa et Bertona post predictum tricesimam diem Septembris qualitercumque preceptis plenarie sitis intendentes et respondentes <12> Ita quod idem Bartholomeus nobis inde ad

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 6 Ed. II, p. 1, m. 12 (P.R.O. C66/154, m. 12). Certified under date March, 1825, there is a copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 53, erroneously ascribed to 6 Ric. II. A pencilled note of correction in the margin runs should be Edward II v. Seyer's Memoirs Vol II p. 98 A translation is given in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 54-55.

2nd November, 6 Edward II, [1312].

That the Mayor and Bailiffs of the town of Bristol shall not intermeddle with the custody of the town aforesaid.

¶ The King to the Mayor, Bailiffs and all the commonalty of his town of Bristol, greeting. Whereas on the thirtieth day of September last past we have committed to our beloved and faithful Bartholomew de Badelesmere our Castle of Bristol and the town aforesaid and the barton in the same place with the appurtenances, to be kept as long as it pleased us, as in our letters patent to the same Bartholomew thereupon made is more fully contained. And we have commanded you, the aforesaid Mayor and Bailiffs and worthy men of the said town, that you should be intendant and respondent to the same Bartholomew or his attorney bearing our letters in this behalf, as our Constable of the Castle aforesaid and Keeper of the town and barton aforesaid, in all things which pertain to the custody of the same. And now we have understood that you, for the reason that in our mandate aforesaid directed to you, the aforesaid Mayor and Bailiffs and worthy men of the same town, mention was not made of the commonalty of the said town, utterly refuse to obey and be intendent to the attorney of the said Bartholomew bearing to you our said mandate in place of Bartholomew himself; pretending that you ought to have the custody of the said town and barton by pretext of a certain mandate of ours lately directed to you concerning keeping the same town and barton safely and securely until we from our council should ordain otherwise concerning the custody of the same; and that on this pretext you ought in no wise to be intendant to any other. We, not without reason reputing such excuses or defences frivolous and made in contempt of us and our mandate aforesaid, command you, firmly enjoining, that, notwithstanding any of our mandates directed to you concerning keeping the said town and barton safely and securely to our use or whatsoever other excuses in this behalf, you shall be fully intendant and respondent to the aforesaid Bartholomew or to his attorney bearing these letters, as Constable of our said Castle and Keeper of the said town and barton in all things which pertain to the custody of the same Castle, town and barton and also for all and singular profits and issues, howsoever received by you or any of you from the said town and barton after the aforesaid thirtieth

The above is the only document relating to the great insurrection in the early fourteenth century of which the Corporation possesses original or copy. See Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 42-65.

^a debere inserted above the line.

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plenum respondere valeat vt debebit. Et de custodia dictarum ville et Bertone decetero vos¹ nullatenus intromittatis. Sciantes pro certo, quod si secus <13> attemptare presumpseritis in premissis, ad vos et quemlibet vestrum, tanquam ad nostri et mandatorum nostrorum contemptores, seu contemptorem vt ius exigit non inmerito capiemus <14> Teste Rege apud wyndesore secundo die Nouembris.

¹ vos *inserted above the line.*

day of September. So that the same Bartholomew shall be able to answer to us thereof in full, as he ought. And you shall in no wise intermeddle henceforth with the custody of the said town and barton. Knowing for certain that if you shall presume to attempt otherwise in the premises we shall act, not without reason, towards you and every one of you as contemnners or a contemner of us and our mandates, as the law requires. Witness the King at Windsor on the second day of November.

[19th February, 10 Edward II, [1317].]

¶ Rex¹ dilectis sibi: Maiori, Balliuis, et Probis hominibus ville sue Bristollie; salutem. sciatis quod in auxilium ville predictae pauuande concessimus vobis quod a die confeccionis presencium vsque ad <2> finem trium annorum proximo sequencium completorum, capiatis de rebus venalibus venientibus ad eandem villam consuetudines subscriptas videlicet., De qualibet summa bladi venali vnum <3> quadrantem. De qualibet carectata bladi venali vnum obolum. De quolibet dolio vini venali² duos denarios. De quolibet equo, equa, boue et vacca venali³ vnum obolum. De quolibet corio equi, eque, bouis et vacce frisco salito aut tannato <4> venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet carectata ferente carnes salitas vel friskas venales vnum denarium obolum. De quinque baconibus venalibus vnum obolum. De quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet lampreda venali ante Pascha vnum quadrantem. De decem ouibus capris vel p[orcis] venalibus <5> vnum denarium.³ De decem velleribus venalibus vnum obolum. De qualibet centena pellium ouium lanutarum, caprarum, ceruorum, bissarum damorum et damarum venali vnum obolum. De qualibet centena pellium <6> agnorum, capriolorum, leporum, cuniculorum, vulpium, catorum et squirellorum venali vnum obolum. De quolibet summagio pannorum venali vnum obolum. De quolibet panno integro, venali vnum obolum. De <7> qualibet centena linee tele, caneucij, pannorum hibernie, Galeweyth et wortstede vnum denarium. De quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samito diapre, et Baudekyn vnum. obolum. <8> De quolibet panno de serico sine auro, et chief' de cendallo afforciato, vnum quadrantem. De qualibet naue veniente ad eandem villam carcata de rebus venalibus tres denarios <9> De quolibet dolio cinerum venali vnum denarium obolum. De quolibet summagio cinerum venali vnum obolum. De qualibet carectata mellis venali vnum denarium. De quolibet sacco lane venali duos denarios. De <10> quolibet trussello pannorum venali⁴ ducto per carectam duos denarios. De quolibet summagio panni venalis⁴ vel aliarum rerum diuersarum, et minutarum venalium veniencium ad eandem villam vnum <11> obolum. De qualibet carectata ferri

Pauimentum
Bristollie.

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 10 Ed. II, p. 2, m. 27 (P.R.O. C66/147, m. 27). Certified under date April, 1825, there is a copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 11-12, and a translation in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 12-13. Notes are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 65-66.

² venali inserted above the line.

³ venali . . . denarium written over an erasure.

⁴ Expanded in MS.

19th February, 10 Edward II, [1317].

¶ The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of paving the town aforesaid we have granted to you that, from the day of the making of these presents unto the end of the three years next following completed, you shall take of things saleable coming to the same town the customs below written, namely :—Of every horseload of corn saleable, one farthing. Of every cartload of corn saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every horse, mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hide of horse, mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of every cart bearing meat, salted or fresh, saleable, one penny halfpenny. Of five bacons¹ saleable, one halfpenny. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten sheep, goats or pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds, bucks and does saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids,² hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horseload of cloths saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted,³ one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, of samite,⁴ diaper⁵ and baudekin,⁶ one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and of best pure sendal,⁷ one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three pence. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one penny halfpenny. Of every horseload of ashes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of honey saleable, one penny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every trussel⁸ of cloths saleable, brought by cart, two pence. Of every horseload of cloth saleable or of other divers and minute things saleable, coming to the same town, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of iron saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of lead saleable, one penny. Of every cartload of tan saleable throughout the week, one farthing. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of a weigh of

Pavage of
Bristol.

¹ bacon pigs or flitches of bacon.

² Or cheverils.

³ Probably named from the village of Worstead.

⁴ Fine rich silk.

⁵ Patterned silk.

⁶ Rich embroidered stuff of silk and gold thread.

⁷ Silk unmixed with other material.

⁸ Diminutive of truss.

venali vnum denarium. De quolibet summagio ferri venali vnum obolum. De qualibet carectata plumbi venali vnum denarium. De qualibet carectata tanni <12> venali per ebdomadam vnum quadrantem. De auerio de Pondere scilicet de centena vnum denarium. De peisa cepi et vncti venali vnum denarium. De quolibet quarterio wayde venali duos denarios. De <13> qualibet centena de Alum', Coperose, Argayl et vertegrece, venali vnum obolum. De duobus miliaribus separum venalibus, vnum quadrantem. De octo shauis allei venalibus vnum quadrantem. De quolibet <14> miliari allecis venali vnum quadrantem, De qualibet carectata piscis marini venali vnum denarium, De quolibet summagio piscis marini venali vnum obolum. De qualibet centena bordi venalis¹ <15> vnum obolum. De qualibet mola venali vnum obolum. De quolibet miliari fagectorum venali vnum denarium. De decem miliaribus turbarum venalibus vnum quadrantem. De quolibet quarterio salis <16> venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet peisa casei et butiri venali vnum obolum. De qualibet caretata busce et carbonum venali per ebdomadam, obolum. De quolibet milliari clauorum venali <17> vnum quadrantem. De qualibet centena ferrorum ad equos, et clutorum ad carectas venali vnum quadrantem. De quolibet quarterio tanni venali vnum quadrantem. De quolibet trussello cuiuscumque <18> mercimonij venali veniente ad predictam villam, et excedente valorem quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem. De qualibet centena stanni, eris, et cupri venali duos denarios. De qualibet <19> centena gaddorum aceris venali vnum obolum. De qualibet carectata de Aberden' venali vnum denarium. De qualibet centena de stockfissh' venali vnum quadrantem. De decem petris canabi <20> venalibus¹ vnum quadrantem. De decem lagenis olei venalibus vnum obolum. et de aliis quibuscumque rebus venalibus ad dictam villam venientibus valoris quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem. Et ideo <21> vobis mandamus quod dictas consuetudines, vsque ad finem dictorum trium annorum plenarie completorum capiatis. Ita tamen quod de rebus seu mercimoniis de quibus custumas <22> aliquas in auxilium kaye ville predictae reparande, iuxta concessionem nostram vobis inde factam receperitis, durante concessione illa ; pauagium minime capiatis. Completo <23> autem termino dictorum trium annorum, dicte consuetudines penitus cessent et deleantur. In cuius etcetera. per predictos tres annos duraturas. Teste. Rege apud Clarindon' .xix. die Februarii <24> per breue de priuato sigillo.

¹ *Expanded in MS.*

tallow and lard¹ saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of alum, copperas, argol² and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand of onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic saleable, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of every cartload of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of sea fish saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of faggots saleable, one penny. Of ten thousand of turves saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every weigh of cheese and butter saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of brushwood³ and coals⁴ saleable throughout the week, a halfpenny. Of every thousand of nails saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horseshoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every trussel of whatsoever wares saleable, coming to the aforesaid town and exceeding the value of five shillings, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of Aberdeens⁵ saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons⁶ of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of other things whatsoever saleable, coming to the said town, of the value of five shillings, one farthing. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said three years fully completed. So, nevertheless, that of the things or wares of which you have taken any customs in aid of repairing the quay of the town aforesaid, according to our grant made to you thereof, during that grant, you shall not take pavage. But the term of the said three years having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring for the aforesaid three years. Witness the King at Clarendon on the 19th day of February. By writ of privy seal.

¹ *Or grease.*

² *Crude bitartrate of potassium, which becomes cream of tartar when purified.*

³ *Or firewood.*

⁴ *Or charcoal.*

⁵ *A name given to herrings.*

⁶ *Or jars.*

[19th February], 10 Edward II, [1317].]

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¶ Rex¹ dilectis sibi in christo Maiori Balliuis et Probis hominibus ville sue Bristollic; salutem. sciatis quod in auxilium kaye ville predictę, reparande et sustentande concessimus vobis etcetera vt supra.² videlicet <2> De quolibet quarterio frumenti venalis³ vnum obolum. De quolibet quarterio alterius generis bladi vnum quadrantem. De quolibet dolio vini venali duos denarios etcetera vt supra vsque ibi^{2,4} De quinque baconibus venalibus vnum obolum <3> De quolibet carcosio bouis vel vacce salito vnum quadrantem. De quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet lampreda venali ante Pascha vnum quadrantem. De decem <4> ouibus, capris, vel porcis venalibus vnum denarium. De decem velleribus venalibus vnum obolum. De qualibet centena pellium ouium lanutarum caprarum, ceruorum, bissarum et damorum venali, vnum obolum. De⁵ <5> singulis quadraginta solidatis maeremii vnum obolum. De singulis decem solidatis busce et Carbonum, vnum quadrantem. De qualibet centena plellium [*sic*] agnorum capriolorum, leporum cuniculorum <6> vulpium, catorum et squirellorum venali vnum obolum. etcetera vt supra. vsque ibi.² De quolibet summagio cinerum venali vnum obolum. De quolibet dolio mellis venali quatuor denarios. De quolibet <7> sacco lane venali duos denarios. De quolibet trussello pannorum venali ducto per aquam, duos denarios. De quolibet summagio panni venali vel aliarum rerum diuersarum et minutarum venalium <8> veniencium ad eandem villam vnum obolum. De qualibet centena ferri venali vnum denarium. De quolibet summagio ferri venali vnum obolum. De auerio; etcetera vt supra. vsque ibi.² De quolibet <9> miliari allecis venali, vnum quadrantem. De singulis viginti solidatis piscis marini venalis vnum denarium. De qualibet centena bordi venali vnum obolum. De qualibet mola venali <10> vnum obolum. De quolibet quarterio salis venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet centena ferrorum etcetera vt supra.² De quolibet quarterio tanni venali vnum⁶ quadrantem. De qualibet

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 10 Ed. II, p. 2, m. 27 (P.R.O. C66/147, m. 27), where it is preceded immediately by the entry transcribed on pp. 52-54. Certified under date April, 1825, there is a copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 13, translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 14. Notes are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 65-66.

² See the grant immediately preceding, pp. 52-54.

³ Expanded in MS.

⁴ etcetera vt supra vsque ibi inserted above the line.

[19th February], 10 Edward II, [1317].

Quayage
of Bristol. ¶

The King to his beloved in Christ the Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of repairing and sustaining the quay of the town aforesaid we have granted to you, etc. As above,¹ namely :—Of every quarter of wheat saleable one halfpenny. Of every quarter of another kind of corn, one farthing. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Etc., as above, unto here. Of five bacons² saleable, one halfpenny. Of every carcase of ox or cow salted, one farthing. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten sheep, goats or pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds and bucks saleable, one halfpenny. Of each forty shillings of timber, one halfpenny. Of each ten shillings of brushwood³ and coals,⁴ one farthing. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids, hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Etc., as above, unto here. Of every horseload of ashes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of honey saleable, four pence. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every trussel of cloths saleable brought by water, two pence. Of every horseload of cloth saleable or of other divers and minute things saleable, coming to the same town, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of iron saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one halfpenny. Of avoirdupois, etc., as above, unto here. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of each twenty shillings of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horeshoes, etc. As above. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass, etc. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp,

¹ See pp. 53-55.

² bacon pigs or flitches of bacon.

³ Or firewood.

⁴ Or charcoal.

⁵ This sentence is omitted from "Bristol Charters," 04383(1).

⁶ An erasure follows vnum

<11> centena stanni eris etcetera De qualibet centena gaddorum
aceris venali vnum obolum. De qualibet centena de stockfissh'
venali vnum quadrantem. De decem petris canabi etcetera vt
supra¹ <12> Et ideo etcetera. Ita etcetera. kayagium minime
capiatis² Completo etcetera. In cuius etcetera. duraturas vt
supra.¹ Teste vt supra.¹ per breue de priuato sigillo.

¹ See the grant immediately preceding, pp. 52-54.

² kayagium minime capiatis inserted above the line.

etc., as above. And, therefore, etc. So, etc., you shall not take quayage. Having been completed, etc. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring as above. Witness as above. By writ of privy seal.

[22nd April, 14 Edward II, [1321].]

Kayagium
Bristollic.

¶ Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori Balliuis et probis hominibus ville sue Bristollic; salutem. Sciatis quod in auxilium kaie ville predictae reparande et sustentande concessimus vobis quod a die confectionis <2> presencium vsque ad finem quinque annorum proximo sequencium completorum capiatis; de rebus venalibus ad eandem villam per aquam venientibus consuetudines subscriptas,. Videlicet de quolibet <3> quarterio frumenti venali, vnum obolum, de quolibet quarterio alterius generis bladi, vnum quadrantem, de quolibet dolio vini venali, duos denarios, de quolibet equo, equa, boue et vacca venali <4> vnum obolum, de quolibet corio equi, eque bouis et vacce frisco salito aut tannato venali, vnum quadrantem, de quinque baconibus venalibus, vnum obolum, de quolibet carcasio bouis vel vacce salito <5> vnum quadrantem, de quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali, vnum quadrantem, de qualibet lampreda venali ante Pascha, vnum quadrantem, de decem ouibus, capris, vel porcis venalibus, vnum denarium <6> de decem velleribus venalibus, vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena pellium ouium lanutarum, caprarum, ceruorum, bissarum damorum, venali, vnum obolum, de singulis quadraginta solidatis maheremij, vnum obolum <7> de singulis decem solidatis busce et carbonum, vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena pellium agnorum, Capriolorum, leporum, cuniculorum, vulpium, catorum et squirellorum venali, vnum obolum, de quolibet <8> summagio pannorum venali, vnum obolum, de quolibet panno integro venali, vnum obolum, de qualibet centena linee tele caneuacii pannorum hibernie Galeweych' et wortstede, vnum denarium, de <9> quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samito diapre et baudekyn, vnum obolum, de quolibet panno de serico sine auro et chief de Cendallo afforciato, vnum quadrantem, de qualibet <10> naui veniente ad eandem villam carcata de rebus venalibus, tres denarios, de quolibet batello veniente ad dictam villam carcata de rebus venalibus vnum denarium et obolum, de quolibet alneo <11> veniente ad eandem villam carcata rebus venalibus, vnum denarium et obolum, de quolibet dolio cinerum venali vnum denarium et obolum, de quolibet summagio cinerum venali, vnum obolum, de quolibet <12> dolio mellis quatuor denarios de quolibet sacco lane venali, duos denarios, de quolibet trussello

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 14 Ed. II, p. 2, m. 15 (P.R.O. C66/154, m. 15, front). Certified under date 29th March, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 17-18, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 16-17. See Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 66.

22nd April, 14 Edward II, [1321].

Quayage
of Bristol.

¶ The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of repairing and sustaining the quay of the town aforesaid we have granted to you that, from the day of the making of these presents unto the end of the five years next following completed, you shall take of things saleable coming to the same town by water the customs below written, namely:—Of every quarter of wheat saleable, one halfpenny. Of every quarter of another kind of corn, one farthing. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every horse, mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hide of horse, mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of five bacons¹ saleable, one halfpenny. Of every carcase of ox or cow salted, one farthing. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten sheep, goats or pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds, bucks saleable, one halfpenny. Of each forty shillings of timber, one halfpenny. Of each ten shillings of brushwood² and coals,³ one farthing. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids,⁴ hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horse-load of cloths saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted, one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, of samite, diaper and baudekin, one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and of best pure sendal, one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three pence. Of every boat coming to the said town laden with things saleable, one penny and a halfpenny. Of every vessel coming to the same town laden with things saleable, one penny and a halfpenny. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one penny and a halfpenny. Of every horseload of ashes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of honey four pence. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every trussel of cloths saleable, brought by water, two pence. Of every horseload of cloth saleable or of other divers and minute things saleable, coming to the same town, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of

¹ Bacon pigs *or* fitches of bacon.

² *Or* firewood.

³ *Or* charcoal.

⁴ *Or* cheverils.

pannorum venali ducto per aquam, duos denarios, de quolibet summagio panni venali vel <13> aliarum rerum diuersarum et minutarum venalium veniencium ad eandem villam, vnum obolum, de qualibet centena ferri venali, vnum denarium, de quolibet summagio ferri venali, vnum obolum, de auerio de <14> pondere, scilicet, de centena, vnum denarium, de peisa cepi et vncti venali, vnum denarium, de quolibet quarterio waide venali, duos denarios, de qualibet centena de Alum' coperose Argail et <15> vertegrece venali, vnum obolum, de duobus miliaribus ceparum venalibus, vnum quadrantem, de octo shauis allei venalibus, vnum quadrantem, de quolibet miliari allecis venali, vnum quadrantem, de singulis viginti <16> solidatis piscis marini venalis, vnum denarium, de qualibet centena bordi venali, vnum obolum, de qualibet mola venali, vnum obolum, de quolibet quarterio salis venali, vnum quadrantem, de qualibet <17> centena ferrorum ad equos¹ et clutorum ad carrectas venali, vnum quadrantem, de quolibet quarterio tanni venali, vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena stanni eris et cupri venali, duos denarios, de qualibet <18> centena gaddorum aceris venali, vnum obolum, de qualibet centena de stokfissh' venali vnum quadrantem, de decem petris canabi venalibus, vnum quadrantem, de decem lagenis olei venalibus, vnum obolum et de <19> quibuscumque rebus aliis venalibus, ad dictam villam per aquam venientibus valoris quinque solidorum, vnum quadrantem. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod dictas consuetudines vsque ad finem dictorum quinque annorum <20> plenarie completorum capiatitis Ita tamen quod de rebus seu mercimoniis, de quibus custumas aliquas in auxilium muri ville predictae reparandi et emendandi iuxta concessionem nostram vobis inde factam receperitis <21> durante concessione illa, kaiagium minime capiatitis, completo autem termino dictorum quinque annorum, dicte consuetudines penitus cessent et deleantur. In cuius etcetera, per predictos quinque annos duraturas. Teste, <22> Rege apud Bristollum .xxij. die Aprilis. per breue de priuato sigillo.

¹ e of equos inserted above the line.

iron saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one halfpenny. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of a weigh of tallow and lard¹ saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of alum, copperas, argol and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand of onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic saleable, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of each twenty shillings of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horseshoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons² of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of whatsoever other things saleable, coming to the said town by water, of the value of five shillings, one farthing. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said five years fully completed. So, nevertheless, that of things or wares of which you have taken any customs in aid of repairing and amending the wall of the town aforesaid, according to our grant made to you thereof, during that grant, you shall not take quayage. But the term of the said five years having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring for the aforesaid five years. Witness the King at Bristol on the 22nd day of April. By writ of privy seal.

¹ Or grease.

² Or jars.

[22nd April, 14 Edward II, [1321].]

Muraginm
Bristollic.

¶ Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori Balliuis et probis hominibus ville sue Bristollic; salutem. Sciatis quod in auxilium muri predicte ville reparandi et emendandi, concessimus vobis quod a die confeccionis <2> presencium vsque ad finem quinque annorum proximo sequencium completorum capiatís de rebus venalibus venientibus ad eandem villam consuetudines subscriptas, videlicet de qualibet summa bladi venali <3> vnum quadrantem De qualibet carecta bladi venali vnum obolum. De quolibet dolio vini venali duos denarios. De quolibet equo et equa boue et vacca venali vnum obolum. De quolibet corio equi et eque bouis <4> et vacce frisco salito aut tannato venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet carecta ferente carnes salitas vel friskas venales vnum denarium. obolum. De quinque baconibus venalibus vnum obolum. De quolibet <5> salmone frisco vel salito venali vnum quadrantem. De qualibet Lampreda venali ante pascha vnum quadrantem. De decem ouibus capris vel porcis venalibus vnum denarium. De decem velleribus venalibus vnum <6> obolum. De qualibet centena pellium ouium lanutarum caprarum ceruorum bissarum damorum et damarum venali vnum obolum. De qualibet centena pellium agnorum capriolorum leporum cuniculorum vulpium <7> catorum et squirellorum venali vnum obolum. De quolibet summagio pannorum venali vnum obolum. De quolibet panno integro venali vnum obolum. De qualibet centena linee tele caneuci pannorum <8> hibernie, Galewych'. et worstede vnum denarium. De quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samite diapre et Baudekyn vnum obolum. De quolibet panno de serico sine auro et chief'. de <9> sendallo afforciato vnum quadrantem. De qualibet naue veniente ad eandem villam carcata rebus venalibus tres denarios. De quolibet dolio Cinerum vnum denarium obolum. De quolibet summagio cinerum venali <10> vnum obolum De qualibet carecta mellis venali vnum denarium. De quolibet sacco lane venali duos denarios. De quolibet trussello pannorum venali ducto per carectam duos denarios. De qualibet summagio <11> panni venali vel aliarum rerum et diuersarum minutarum venalium veniencium ad eandem villam vnum obolum. De qualibet carecta ferri venali vnum denarium De quolibet summagio ferri venali vnum obolum. <12> De qualibet carecta plumbi venali vnum denarium. De qualibet carecta tanni venali per ebdomadam

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 14 Ed. II, p. 2, m. 14 (P.R.O. C66/154, m. 14). Certified under date March, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 15-16, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 18-19. See Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 66.

22nd April, 14 Edward II, [1321].

Murage of
Bristol. ¶

The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of repairing and amending the wall of the aforesaid town we have granted to you that, from the day of the making of these presents unto the end of the five years next following completed, you shall take of things saleable coming to the same town the customs below written, namely :—Of every horseload of corn saleable, one farthing. Of every cartload of corn saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every horse and mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hide of horse and mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of every cart bearing meat, salted or fresh, saleable, one penny halfpenny. Of five bacons¹ saleable, one halfpenny. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten sheep, goats or pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds, bucks and does saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids, hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horseload of cloths saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted, one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, of samite, diaper and baudekin, one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and best pure sendal, one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three pence. Of every tun of ashes, one penny halfpenny. Of every horseload of ashes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of honey saleable, one penny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every trussel of cloths saleable, brought by cart, two pence. Of every horseload of cloth saleable or of other things and divers minute [objects] saleable coming to the same town, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of iron saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of lead saleable, one penny. Of every cartload of tan saleable throughout the week, one farthing. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of a weigh of tallow and lard² saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, two pence. Of every

¹ bacon pigs or flitches of bacon.

² Or grease.

vnum quadrantem. De auerio de pondere, scilicet de centena vnum denarium. de peisa cepi et vncti venali <13> vnum denarium. De quolibet quarterio waide venali duos denarios De quolibet centena de Alum, Coperose Argayl et vertegrece venali vnum obolum. De duobus Miliaribus ceparum venalibus vnum quadrantem. De octo <14> shauis alei vnum quadrantem. De quolibet Milliari allecis venali vnum quadrantem. De quolibet centena piscis Marini venali vnum denarium. De quolibet summagio piscis marini venali vnum obolum De <15> quolibet centena bordi venali vnum obolum. De quolibet mola venali vnum obolum De quolibet Miliari fagoctorum venali vnum denarium. De decem Milliariibus turbarum venalibus vnum quadrantem. De quolibet quarterio <16> salis venali vnum quadrantem. De quolibet peisa casei et buturi venali vnum obolum. De quolibet carecca busce et carbonum venali per ebdomadam obolum. De quolibet Miliari clauorum venali vnum quadrantem. <17> De quolibet centena ferrorum ad equos et clutorum ad carectas venali vnum quadrantem. De quolibet quarterio tanni venali vnum quadrantem. De quolibet trussello cuiuscumque mercimonij. venali veniente <18> ad predictam villam et excedente valorem quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem. De quolibet centena scanni eris et cupri venali duos denarios. De quolibet centena gaddorum aceris venali vnum obolum. De <19> quolibet carecta de Aberden' venali vnum denarium. De quolibet centena de Stockfissh' venali vnum quadrantem. De decem petris canabi venalibus vnum quadrantem. De decem lagenis olei venalibus vnum obolum. <20> et de aliis quibuscumque rebus venalibus ad dictam villam venientibus valoris quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod dictas consuetudines vsque ad finem dictorum <21> quinque annorum plenarie completorum capiatis Ita tamen quod de rebus seu mercimoniis de quibus custumas aliquas in auxilium kaye ville predictae reparande iuxta concessionem nostram <22> vobis inde factam receperitis. durante concessione illa muragium minime capiatis. Completo autem termino dictorum quinque annorum dicte Consuetudines penitus cessent et deleantur <23> In cuius etcetera. per predictos quinque annos duraturas¹ Teste. Rege. apud Bristollum .xxij. die Aprilis.

; per breue de priuato sigillo.

¹ per predictos quinque annos duraturas *inserted above the line.*

hundred of alum, copperas, argol and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand of onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of sea fish saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of faggots saleable, one penny. Of ten thousand of turves saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every weigh of cheese and butter saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of brushwood¹ and coals² saleable throughout the week, a halfpenny. Of every thousand of nails saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horseshoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every trussel of whatsoever wares saleable, coming to the aforesaid town and exceeding the value of five shillings, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of Aberdeens saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons³ of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of other things whatsoever saleable, coming to the said town, of the value of five shillings, one farthing. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said five years fully completed. So, nevertheless, that of things or wares of which you have taken any customs in aid of repairing the quay of the town aforesaid according to our grant made to you thereof, during that grant, you shall not take murage. But the term of the said five years having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring for the aforesaid five years. Witness the King at Bristol on the 22nd day of April.

By writ of privy seal.

¹ *Or* firewood.

² *Or* charcoal.

³ *Or* jars.

[17th February, 15 Edward II, [1322].]

[E]dwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus, Iusticiariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis; salutem. Inspeximus <2> cartem confirmacionis, quam bone memorie dominus .E[dwardus] quondam Rex Anglie pater noster fecit Burgensibus suis de Bristollo in hec verba. Edwardus dei gracia . . . [here follows the charter of 28th March, 28 Edward I (See p. 44).]²<60>Nos autem concessiones <61> et confirmaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est prefatis Burgensibus, et eorum heredibus et successoribus. concedimus et confirmamus. sicut dicta carta confirmacionis racionabiliter testatur, et prout ijdem <62> Burgenses et eorum antecessores Burgenses eiusdem ville libertatibus et quietanciis in eadem carta contentis, hactenus vsi sunt racionabiliter et gauisi. Hiis testibus. Edmundo Comite Kancie fratre nostro carissimo, Iohanne de Britann[ia]³ Comite Riche<63>mund'. Edmundo Comite Arundell[ie], Thoma wak',⁴ Iohanne d[e Sancto],⁵ Iohanne de Basing, Radulpho de Gorges, Gilberto Petché,⁶ Senescalco hospicij nostri, et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud Gloucestriam, decimo septimo die Februarij <64> anno regni nostri quintodecimo.

per ipsum Regem.

[Endorsed] Carta confirmacionis Edwardi Regis Anglie

[In another hand] 15^o Edward 2 1322 <2> A [In another hand]

Anno 15: Ed: 2: [In another hand] E.2

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01206). It is written on parchment, repaired in places, measuring 19½ × 19½ ins. Red and green silk cords are threaded through the fold at the lower edge and the great seal in green wax is appended.

The document is enrolled in Charter Roll, 15 Ed. II, m. 7 (P.R.O. C53 108, m. 7). For later confirmations and enrolments see pp. 72 and 78 (especially p. 72, note 3) and Introduction pp. xix-xx.

Transcript and translation appear in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 28-29, and notes in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 68.

In the original a blank space is left for the initial E and a small e is written, to the left of it. In the left-hand margin, in a later hand, is written, Edwardus secundus <2> Edwardus primus <3> Comes Moreton

² In the left-hand margin, opposite lines <11, 32, 48 and 51>, paragraph marks are written. In the same margin, opposite line <20>, is written, H tercius and opposite line <21>, H secundus. In the right-hand margin, opposite line <54>, in a later hand, is written, E primus and opposite line <60>, in the same later hand, E secundus

³ Or Britann[ie]. Both forms appear in the Patent and Charter Rolls. The present reading is from the Charter Roll entry of this document; see note 1.

17th February, 15 Edward II, [1322].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. We have inspected a charter of confirmation which Lord Edward of good memory, formerly King of England, our father, made to his burgesses of Bristol in these words:—Edward, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 28th March, 28 Edward I (See p. 45).*] Now we, ratifying and according the grants and confirmations aforesaid, do grant and confirm them for us and our heirs, so far as in us lies, to the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs and successors, as the said charter of confirmation reasonably testifies and as the same burgesses and their antecedents, burgesses of the same town, have hitherto reasonably used and enjoyed the liberties and quittances in the same charter contained. These being witnesses: Edmund, Earl of Kent, our very dear brother, John de Brittainia, Earl of Richmond, Edmund, Earl of Arundel, Thomas Wake, John de Sancto, John de Basing, Ralph de Gorges, Gilbert Pette, Steward of our Household, and others. Given by our hand at Gloucester on the seventeenth day of February in the fifteenth year of our reign.

By the King himself.

[*Endorsed*] Charter of confirmation of Edward, King of England.

[*In another hand*] 15th Edward 2, 1322. A. [*In another hand*]

In the 15th year: Ed: 2. [*In another hand*] E. 2.

⁴ wake in original *inspeximus* and Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

⁵ There is a hole in the parchment at this place leaving the letters d . . . co on either side of it. The reading de Sancto has been taken from the Charter Roll and confirmed from the *inspeximus* of 12th Jan., 4 Ed. III, line (61) (See p. 72).

⁶ Pecche in Charter Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. III.

[20th October, 3 Edward III, [1329].]

[The following note appears in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 68 :—

'No. 4.* LICENSE IN MORTMAIN, 1329.

There is in the Council House a fragment of letters patent, dated October 20th, 3rd Edward the Third (1329), but the purport of the document cannot be made out from what remains. On reference to the Patent Rolls, it appears that on the above date the King granted a license to Thomas Belcher, of Bristol, to alienate in mortmain three houses in the town for the endowment of a perpetual chantry in St. Stephen's Church.'

'* This, like all the other charters in the Council House, is distinguished by an *, with a number corresponding with the number on the charter case.' (Ibid., note, p. 10).

The relevant entry in the "Calendar of the Patent Rolls," vol. 1327-1330, p. 452, 3 Ed. III, p. 2, m. 16, is as follows :—

'1329 License for the alienation in mortmain, by Thomas Belecher and Oct. 20. Christina his wife of three messuages in Bristol to a chaplain to Dunstable. celebrate divine service daily in the church of St. Stephen, Bristol, for their souls and those of their ancestors and others. By fine of 5 marks, at the instance of Thomas de Bracton, Gloucester.'

The original is missing, exhaustive search having failed to discover any trace of it in the city archives. It seems probable that it exists no longer and for that reason no transcript of the Patent Roll entry has been included in the present book].

[12th January, 4 Edward III, [1331].]

[E]dwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et Dux Aquitanie; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus Baronibus, Justiciariis vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Balliis et fidelibus suis; salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam bone memorie <2> dominus .H[enricus]. quondam Rex Anglie auus noster fecit in hec verba. Henricus dei gracia . . . [here follows the charter of 28th July, 31 Henry III (See p. 22).] <6> Inspeximus eciam cartam confirmationis quam Celebris memorie² dominus .E[dwardus] nuper Rex Anglie pater noster fecit Burgensibus suis <7> de Bristollo in hec verba. Edwardus dei gracia . . . [here follows the charter of 17th February, 15 Edward II (See p. 68).]³ <62> Nos autem donaciones concessiones et confirmationes predictas ratas Habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est predictis Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus <63> concedimus et confirmamus prout carte predictae rationabiliter testantur; Preterea volentes eisdem Burgensibus gratiam in hac parte facere specialem. Concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores siue predecessores aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum et quietanciarum in dictis cartis <64> contentarum aliquo casu emergente hactenus vsi non fuerint, iidem tamen Burgenses et

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01249(1-2)). It is written on parchment, repaired in places, measuring 21½ x 24 ins. The great seal in green wax is attached by red and green silk cords threaded through the fold at the lower edge. A blank space has been left for the initial E. In the left-hand margin is written E iij.^{cius}

As a result of misplacing, this inspeximus was lost for a considerable time. When the Archives Department was established, the box belonging to this confirmation contained a slip of paper, 01249(2), inscribed as follows:—

? by whom borrowed <2> 1923 not in box.

[In another hand] <3> Missing for some years. Unable <4> to locate—

Mr. Paul's statement <5> 1923. W.H. L-S.

Mr. Paul was chief cashier in the Treasurer's Department. The initials stand for William Henry Legh-Smith, City Treasurer, 1921-1926.

On 24th October, 1924, the missing inspeximus was found in another charter box, numbered 42, in a drawer of the repository opening off the City Treasurer's Office—now the Town Clerk's—and was restored to its rightful place.

There is an enrolment in Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III, m. 5 (P.R.O. C53/117, m. 5), a copy of which, certified under date July, 1825, appears in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 21-27, the translation being given in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 22-29. Seyer does not include this inspeximus in his "Bristol Charters," but there are notes upon it in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 68-70. For an exposition and correction of these notes see p. 78, note 1. The inspeximus of 5 Ed. III, [1331], which begins on that page, is an almost complete repetition of the present charter.

12th January, 4 Edward III, [1331].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. We have inspected a charter which Lord Henry of good memory, formerly King of England, our grandfather, made in these words:—Henry, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 28th July, 31 Henry III (See p. 23).*] We have inspected also a charter of confirmation which Lord Edward of famous memory, late King of England, our father, made to his burgesses of Bristol in these words:—Edward, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 17th February, 15 Edward II (See p. 69).*] Now we, ratifying and according the gifts, grants and confirmations aforesaid, have granted and confirmed them for us and our heirs, so far as in us lies, to the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs and successors, as the charters aforesaid reasonably testify. Moreover, willing to show to the same burgesses special grace in this behalf, we have granted to them for us and our heirs that although they or their antecedents or predecessors have not hitherto used, in any case arising, any one or any of the liberties and quittances in the said charters contained, nevertheless, the same burgesses and their heirs and successors shall henceforth fully enjoy and use

² *celebris memorie inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.*

³ *In the right-hand margin, opposite line <59>, is written E secundus and opposite line <62> E tercius*

A remarkable interpolation occurs in the present inspeximus in the text of John's Charter, contained in that of 15 Ed. II, and reconfirmed here (See p. 68). Lines <5>—<6> of the original document (See p. 8) run:—quod nullus Burgensis de Bristollo Placitet extra muros uille de vilo Placito. Preter Placita de exterioribus tenementis que non pertinent at Hundredum ville. This wording is repeated in each subsequent inspeximus until the present one, which reads:—quod nullus Burgensis Bristollie placitet vel placitetur extra muros uille . . . etc. Bristollie placitet vel is closely written over an erasure where de Bristollo must have stood and an abbreviation sign for -ur is added to the original, now the second, placitet

No such interpolation occurs on the Charter Roll entry of this inspeximus. There the original wording, copied from the charter of 15 Ed. II, remains unchanged.

Another curious discrepancy may be noted. This same charter of 15 Ed. II contains the text of that of 36 Hy. III (See p. 24), in which is given a recapitulation of John's charter. All this is quoted verbatim in the present inspeximus without interpolation of any kind. The clause in question, as in the original, runs:—quod Nullus Burgensis Bristollie placitet de vilo placito extra muros ville Bristollie . . . etc.

For a further development of this see p. 78, note 2.

eorum heredes et successores libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet decetero plene gaudeant et vtantur, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Iusticiariorum Escaetorum vicecomitum, Coro(65)natorum aut aliorum balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque. Insuper cum vt intelleximus terre et tenementa bona et catalla orphanorum et puerorum in eadem villa et suburbio eiusdem infra etatem existencium que per Maiorem eiusdem ville certis custodibus qui inde dictis orphanis et pueris cum (66) ad legitimam etatem suam peruenerint respondeant, committi debent secundum consuetudinem in eadem villa hactenus optentam, pro eo quod huiusmodi Custodes et eorum manucaptores se ab eadem villa elongarunt et terras et tenementa sua in eisdem villa et suburbio alienarunt, nec habuerunt ibidem (67) vnde iusticiari potuerunt ad satisfaciendum predictis orphanis et pueris tempore debito de bonis et catallis per ipsos sic receptis ante hec tempora multipliciter deuastata fuerunt, et deperdita, ad dampnum et depauperacionem ipsorum orphanorum et puerorum manifestam/ Nos ad requisicio(68)nem dictorum¹ Burgensium volentes dictorum orphanorum et puerorum indemnitati prospicere oportuno remedio in hac parte; concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmauimus eisdem Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus quod Maior ville predictae qui pro tempore fuerit imperpetuum (69) recipere possit ab omnibus et singulis quibus custodiam terrarum et tenementorum bonorum et catallorum huiusmodi orphanorum et puerorum sic commiserit, et eorum manucaptoribus recogniciones de quibuscumque pecuniarum summis ipsis orphanis et pueris certis terminis soluendis, et easdem pecuniarum summas sic recogni(70)tas de terris et tenementis bonis et catallis ipsorum Custodum et manucaptorum suorum in villa et suburbio predictis existentibus ad sectam et eleccionem dictorum orphanorum et puerorum seu executorum suorum ad quorumcumque manus terre et tenementa illa deuenerint leuare, seu medietatem terrarum et tenementorum eorundem vna cum (71) bonis et catallis illis vsque ad dictas summas sic recognitas eisdem orphanis et pueris vel eorum executoribus liberare,² tenendam vt liberum ten[ementum] suum iuxta formam statuti de huiusmodi recognicionibus apud westmonasterium editi. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus .S[imone]. Archiepiscopo

¹ predictorum in *Charter Roll*, 5 Ed. III.

² liberari *ibid.*

the liberties and quittances aforesaid and any of them, without let¹ or impediment of us or our heirs, Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners or other our Bailiffs or Ministers whatsoever. Furthermore, since, as we have understood, the lands and tenements, goods and chattels of orphans and children being under age in the same town and the suburb of the same, which ought to be committed by the mayor of the same town to appointed guardians² who shall answer therefor to the said orphans and children when they have come to their lawful age, according to the custom [which has] hitherto obtained in the same town, for the reason that such guardians and their sureties have withdrawn themselves from the same town and have alienated their lands and tenements in the same town and suburb, nor have had anything in the same place whence they could be compelled by law to satisfy the aforesaid orphans and children at the time due concerning the goods and chattels by them so received, before this time have been wasted and lost in many ways, to the manifest damage and impoverishment of the orphans and children themselves. We, at the request of the said burgesses, willing to provide for the indemnity of the said orphans and children by a fit remedy in this behalf, have granted for us and our heirs and by this our charter have confirmed to the same burgesses and their heirs and successors that the mayor of the town aforesaid, who for the time shall be, shall be able to receive for ever from all and singular to whom he shall have so committed the custody of lands and tenements, goods and chattels of such orphans and children, and from their sureties, recognizances of whatsoever³ sums of money payable to the orphans and children themselves at fixed⁴ terms ; and to levy the same sums of money so recognized on the lands and tenements, goods and chattels of the guardians themselves and their sureties, being in the town and suburb aforesaid, at the suit and election of the said orphans and children or their executors into the hands of whomsoever those lands and tenements have come ; or to deliver a moiety of the same lands and tenements together with those goods and chattels unto the said sums so recognized to the same orphans and children or their executors, to hold as their free tenement according to the form of the statute concerning such recognizances made at Westminster. These being witnesses : the reverend fathers Simon, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, William, Archbishop of

¹ *Or* charge.

² Certain keepers *or* custodians.

³ *Or* various.

⁴ *Or* certain.

Cantuar[iensi] tocius <72> Anglie primate, w[illelmo] Archiepiscopo
 Ebor[acensi] Anglie primate .I[ohanne]. wynton[iensi] Episcopo
 Cancellario nostro Thoma Comite Norff[olkie] et Marescallo
 Anglie, Henrico Comite Lanc[astrie] Iohanne de wareнна Comite
 Surr[eye] hugone de Courteney. Henrico de Percy, Thoma wak'
 Radulpho de Neuill' senescallo <73> hospicij nostri. et aliis.
 Data per manum nostram apud westmonasterium. duodecimo
 die Ianuarii. Anno regni nostri quarto.¹

; per ipsum Regem et consilium.

[*Endorsed in several different and later hands*]

[a] 4 E. 3 [b] In hac confirmacione continatur Carta concessa
 pro Orphanis Bristollie. (inter alia) [c] 4. E 3. 4 E. 3

[d] Anno 4^{to} Ed : 3 :

[e] E. 3

[f] Edward 3d 1330

[g] A

[h] Carta E iij^{cij}

¹ Anno . . . quarto omitted from Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III.

York, Primate of England, John, Bishop of Winchester, our Chancellor, Thomas, Earl of Norfolk and Marshal of England, Henry, Earl of Lancaster, John de Warrena, Earl of Surrey, Hugh de Courteney, Henry de Percy, Thomas Wake, Ralph de Nevill, Steward of our Household and others. Given by our hand at Westminster on the twelfth day of January in the fourth year of our reign.

By the King himself and the Council.

[Endorsed in several different and later hands]

[a] 4 E. 3. [b] In this confirmation is contained the charter granted for the orphans of Bristol (amongst other things).

[c] 4. E. 3. 4 E. 3.

[d] In the 4th year: Ed. : 3.

[e] E. 3.

[f] Edward 3d, 1330.

[g] A.

[h] Charter E. 3rd.

[16th October, 5 Edward III, [1331].]

[E]dwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et Dux Aquitanie Archiepiscopis Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Iusticiariis, vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Balliuis et fidelibus suis; salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam bone memorie dominus <2> H[enricus]. quondam Rex Anglie auus noster fecit in hec verba. Henricus dei gracia . . . [with one exception, the present inspeximus follows the wording of the charter of 12th January, 4 Edward III. This continues as far as the word *editi* inline 71 (See p. 74).² It then proceeds:—] <71> Preterea cum per inquisitionem per dilectos et fideles nostros willelmum de shareshulle <72> et Robertum de Aston¹ de mandato nostro captam, et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam sit compertum.³ quod prefati Burgenses, et eorum antecessores, et predecessores Burgenses eiusdem ville a tempore quo non extat memoria semper hactenus habuerunt visum franci plegij in villa et suburbio predictis, cum <73> omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus,³ de hominibus in eisdem villa et surburbio commorantibus,³ ac ijdem Burgenses pro eo quod inde speciale warentum⁴ per aliquam cartam alicuius

¹ Text from the original document in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent. 01207). It is written on parchment measuring $22\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ ins. The great seal in green wax is attached by red and green silk cords. The seal has been repaired. A blank space has been left for the initial E.

There is an enrolment in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III, m. 13 (P.R.O. C53/118, m. 19). Seyer gives transcript and translation in his "Bristol Charters," pp. 30-35, and there are notes, which need revision, in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 68-70.

The major differences between the inspeximus of 4 Ed. III and the present confirmation are two, each being of sufficient importance to justify obtaining a new charter less than a year after the last had been received.

Inspeximus of 4 Ed. III confirms charters of 31 Hy. III and 15 Ed. II, [1247 and 1322], grants full enjoyment and use of liberties and quitances, whether previously exercised or not, and confirms to the Mayor the right of taking recognizances for orphans. The original document also contains the unusual interpolation in the text of John's charter noted on p. 73, note 3.

The present inspeximus makes no mention of the existence of the above charter though it is a verbal repetition of it as far as the *Hiis Testibus* clause. At that point new clauses appear confirming view of Frankpledge, an important addition, not found in the earlier document.

Here, too, the phrase interpolated in the text of John's charter has been added to its recapitulation in that of 36 Hy. III, thus hiding the discrepancy manifest in the previous inspeximus (See p. 73, note 3 and note 2 below). This is the second of the major differences referred to above.

Lastly, two names of witnesses in the former inspeximus are not included in this later charter. These are the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Earl of Lancaster.

It will be found that Latimer's notes are at variance with the above statements.

² The interpolation in the wording of John's charter, noted on p. 73, is incorporated in the present document. The subsequent discrepancy in the

16th October, 5 Edward III, [1331].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers and all his Bailiffs and faithful people, greeting. We have inspected a charter which Lord Henry of good memory, formerly King of England, our grandfather, made in these words:—Henry, by the grace of God . . . [with one exception, the present *inspeximus* follows the wording of the charter of 12th January, 4 Edward III. This continues as far as the word Westminster (See p. 75). It then proceeds:—] Moreover, whereas by an inquisition taken at our mandate by our beloved and faithful William de Shareshulle and Robert de Aston and returned into our Chancery, it has been found that the aforesaid burgesses and their antecedents and predecessors, burgesses of the same town, from the time of which no memory exists have always hitherto had view of frankpledge in the town and suburb aforesaid, with all things to such view pertaining, of the men dwelling in the same town and suburb ; and the same burgesses for the reason that they

inspeximus of 4 Ed. II, also noted on p. 73, is now covered by a second interpolation. In the recapitulation of John's charter occurring in that of 36 Hy. III, which is another of those inspected therein, the clause *quod Nullus Burgensis Bristollie placitet de villo placito extra muros ville Bristollie* . . . appears in the present *inspeximus* of 5 Ed. III as, *quod nullus Burgensis Bristollie placitet, seu placitetur de villo placito extra muros ville Bristollie* . . .

The parallel clauses are made to agree, not by suppression of the dubious interpolation, but by adding a second with the words *seu placitetur* thus stressing the intentional character of the first.

This time, however, both appear in the Charter Roll, where the entry follows exactly the wording of the original. Whether or not a forgery in the first instance, the addition is now established by royal *inspeximus* duly enrolled.

It would seem that the desire for receiving confirmation of view of Frankpledge was not the only motive for obtaining another royal charter so quickly.

The importance attached to this clause is made quite evident from an entry in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 53b, where the petition for erecting Bristol into a county is entered. The second paragraph begins with emphasis of the point in question:—'Also like counties it may be confirmed in their charters by our lord the King that now is that no Burgess of the said town shall plead or be impleaded outside the walls of the town ; that it may please our lord the King to specially declare the said general words, to wit, that no burgess of the said town and suburbs implead or be impleaded of their tenures being within the same town and suburbs, nor of anything done or to be done within the same town or suburbs before any judge outside the town, nor of any other kind of contracts, covenants, debts, trespasses or other deed, nor may they be convicted by strangers but only by their fellow citizens within the town itself ; . . . ' (Bickley's edition, Vol. I, pp. 116–117). This was one of the clauses petitioned for and granted almost in the same words.

³ A dot has been written over a stroke and has been transcribed as a full stop, not a comma.

⁴ *warantum* in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

progenitorum nostrorum hactenus non habuerunt, metuant se posse futuris temporibus occasionari, et eciam impetiri. Nos <74> pro grato obsequio quod ijdem Burgenses nobis et progenitoribus nostris hactenus impenderunt; necnon per finem quem ijdem Burgenses fecerunt nobiscum. volentes eorum securitati in hac parte prouideri; concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris et hac carta nostra confirmauimus prefatis Burgensibus <75> quod ipsi heredes et successores sui Burgenses eiusdem ville habeant visum franci plegij in villa et suburbio predictis cum omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus, de hominibus in eisdem villa et suburbio commorantibus, imperpetuum. Nolentes quod idem Burgenses heredes seu successores <76> sui ratione visus predicti pro tempore preterito per nos vel heredes nostros Iusticiarios, aut alios Ministros nostros quoscumque occasionentur, molestentur, in aliquo seu grauentur. quouismodo. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod predicti Burgenses heredes et successores sui Burgenses <77> eiusdem ville habeant omnes libertates supradictas, et eciam visum franci plegij. in villa et suburbio predictis cum omnibus ad huiusmodi visum pertinentibus, de hominibus in eisdem villa et suburbio commorantibus imperpetuum sicut predictum est.¹ Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus s[imone] Archiepiscopo Cantuar[iensi] tocius <78> Anglie primate. I[ohanne] wynton-[iensi] Episcopo Cancellario nostro, Thoma Comite Norff[olkie] et Marescallo Anglie Iohanne de warena Comite Surr[eye], hugone de Courteney henrico de Percy Thoma wak' Radulpho de Neuill' Senescallo hospicij nostri et aliis. Data per manum nostram apud westmonasterium. <79> sexto decimo die Octobris, anno regni nostri quinto.

per finem .xl. l[et]t[er]e.²

[On the outside of the fold at the lower edge] Examinata per P. de Norton' [In another hand] <2> the ij^d Edwardes Carnervani³ that reyned xx yer that was <3> the first Edwardes son

[In the left-hand margin]

[Beside line 24, where a hand is drawn as a pointer to the line] prima et melior <2> et originalis <3> pro acquietancia de <4> teoloneo

[Beside line 31] quod nullus placitet

[Beside line 35] quod nullus extraneus

[Beside line 37] [word illegible] de maritagijs

¹ See note 2 on the previous page.

² per ipsum Regem et consilium et per finem quadraginta librarum in Charter Roll, 5 Ed. III.

have not had hitherto special warrant thereof by any charter of any of our progenitors, fear that they will be able at future times to be charged and also impeached. We, for the pleasing obedience that the same burgesses have hitherto shown to us and our progenitors, and also for a fine which the same burgesses have paid to us, willing to be provided of their security in this behalf, have granted for us and our heirs and by this our charter have confirmed to the aforesaid burgesses that they, their heirs and successors, burgesses of the same town, shall have view of frankpledge in the town and suburb aforesaid, with all things to such view pertaining, of the men dwelling in the same town and suburb, for ever. Being unwilling that the same burgesses, their heirs or successors, by reason of the view aforesaid in time past, by us or our heirs, Justices, or other our Ministers whatsoever, shall be charged, molested in anything or in any wise oppressed. Wherefore, we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid burgesses, their heirs and successors, burgesses of the same town, shall have all the liberties abovesaid and, also, view of frankpledge in the town and suburb aforesaid with all things to such view pertaining, of the men dwelling in the same town and suburb, for ever, as is aforesaid. These being witnesses : the reverend fathers Simon, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, John, Bishop of Winchester, our Chancellor, Thomas, Earl of Norfolk and Marshal of England, John de Warennia, Earl of Surrey, Hugh de Courteney, Henry de Percy, Thomas Wake, Ralph de Nevill, Steward of our Household and others. Given by our hand at Westminster on the sixteenth day of October in the fifth year of our reign.

By fine £40.

[*On the outside of the fold at the lower edge*] Examined by P. de Norton. The 2nd Edward of Carnarvon that reigned 20 year that was the first Edward's son.

[*Beside line 24*] first and better and original for acquittance of toll.

[*Beside line 31*] that none shall implead.

[*Beside line 35*] that no stranger.

[*Beside line 37*] concerning marriages.

[*Endorsed*] Principal charter granted by Lord Edward, King of England, etc., after [*word illegible*] to the burgesses of the town, of divers liberties, etc.

³ Carnervani *inserted above the line.*

[*Endorsed*] Principalis carta per dominum Edwardum Regem
Anglie etcetera post [*one word illegible*] (2) Burgensibus ville
concessa de diuersis libertatibus etcetera.

[*In a later hand*] E. 3. 5 E. 3 5 E. 3

[*In another hand*] Edward 3^d 1331

[*In another hand*] A

[*In another hand*] Anno 5^{to}: Ed: 3:

[*In a later hand*] E. 3. 5 E. 3. 5 E. 3.

[*In another hand*] Edward 3^d, 1331.

[*In another hand*] A.

[*In another hand*] In the 5th year : Ed : 3.

[20th September, 8 Edward III, [1334].]

pro hominibus ¶
ville Bristollie de
Muragio Concesso

Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori Balliuis et probis hominibus ville sue Bristollie ; salutem. Sciatis quod in auxilium Muri predicte ville reparandi et emendandi, concessimus vobis <2> quod a primo die Februarii proximo futuro, vsque ad finem quatuor annorum proximo sequencium completorum capiatís de rebus venalibus venientibus ad eandem villam consue<3>tudines subscriptas videlicet de qualibet summa bladi venali vnum denarium² de qualibet carectata bladi venali vnum obolum, de quolibet dolio vini venali duos denarios <4> de quolibet equo et equa boue et vacca venali vnum obolum, de quolibet corio equi et eque bouis et vacce frisco salito aut tannato venali vnum quadrantem. de qualibet carec<5>tata ferente carnes salitas vel friskas venales vnum denarium et vnum obolum, de quinque baconibus venalibus vnum obolum, de quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali³ vnum quadrantem, de <6> qualibet lampreda venali ante Pascha vnum quadrantem, de decem ouibus capris, vel porcis venalibus vnum denarium, de decem velleribus venalibus vnum obolum de qualibet <7> centena pellium ouium lanutarum caprarum ceruorum bissarum damorum et damarum venali vnum obolum. de qualibet centena pellium agnorum capriolorum leporum cuniculorum vulpium <8> catorum et squirellorum venali vnum obolum. de quolibet summagio pannorum venali vnum obolum. de quolibet panno integro venali vnum obolum. de qualibet centena linee tele <9> caneuacij pannorum hibernie Galewyth' et worthstede vnum denarium, de quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samite diapre et Baudekyn vnum obolum, de <10> quolibet panno de serico sine auro et chief' de sendallo afforciato vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naue veniente ad eandem villam carcata de rebus venalibus tres <11> denarios, de quolibet dolio cinerum venali vnum denarium et vnum obolum. de quolibet summagio cinerum venali vnum obolum, de qualibet carectata mellis venali vnum denarium, de <12> quolibet sacco lane venali duos denarios, de quolibet trussello pannorum venali ducto per carectam duos denarios, de quolibet summagio panni venali vel aliarum rerum <13> et diuersarum minutarum venalium veniencium, ad eandem villam vnum obolum. de qualibet carectata ferri venali vnum

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 8 Ed. III, p. 2, m. 35 (P.R.O. C66/184, m. 35). Certified under date March, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 29-30, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2) ff. 30-31.

² In previous grants containing this item, the custom is quadrantem (a farthing). Denarium is probably a scribal error.

20th September, 8 Edward III, [1334].

For the
men of
the town
of Bristol
concerning
murage
granted.

¶ The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of repairing and amending the wall of the aforesaid town we have granted to you that, from the first day of February next ensuing unto the end of the four years next following completed, you shall take of things saleable coming to the same town the customs below written, namely :—Of every horseload of corn saleable, one penny.¹ Of every cartload of corn saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every horse and mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hide of horse and mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of every cart bearing meat, salted or fresh, saleable, one penny and one halfpenny. Of five bacons² saleable, one halfpenny. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten sheep, goats or pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds, bucks and does saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids, hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horseload of cloths saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted, one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, of samite, diaper and baudekin, one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and best pure sendal, one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three pence. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one penny and one halfpenny. Of every horseload of ashes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of honey saleable, one penny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every trussel of cloths saleable brought by cart, two pence. Of every horseload of cloth saleable or of other things and divers minute [objects] saleable coming to the same town, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of iron saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of lead saleable, one penny. Of every cartload of tan saleable throughout the week, one farthing.

¹ Probably scribal error for a farthing. See previous grants.

² bacon pigs or flitches of bacon.

³ venali inserted above the line.

denarium, de quolibet summagio ferri venali <14> vnum obolum, de qualibet carectata plumbi venali vnum denarium, de qualibet carectata tanni venali per ebdomadam vnum quadrantem, de auerio de pondere <15> scilicet de centena vnum denarium, de peisa cepi et vncti venali vnum denarium, de quolibet quarterio waide venali duos denarios, de qualibet centena de Alum, coperose argail <16> et vertegrece venali vnum obolum, de duobus Miliaribus ceparum venalibus vnum quadrantem, de octo shauis alei venalibus vnum quadrantem, de quolibet miliari allecis venali vnum quadrantem, de <17> qualibet centena piscis marini venali vnum denarium, de quolibet summagio piscis marini venali vnum obolum, de qualibet centena bordi venali vnum obolum, de qualibet mola venali <18> vnum obolum, de quolibet miliari fagetorum venali vnum denarium, de decem miliaribus turbarum venalibus vnum quadrantem, de quolibet quarterio salis venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet <19> peisa casei et butiri venali vnum obolum, de qualibet carectata busce¹ et carbonum venali per ebdomadam vnum obolum, de quolibet Miliari clauorum venali vnum quadrantem, de <20> qualibet centena ferrorum ad equos et clutorum ad carectas venali vnum quadrantem, de quolibet quarterio tanni venali vnum quadrantem, de quolibet trussello cuiuscumque <21> mercimonij venali veniente ad predictam villam et excedente valorem quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena stanni eris et cupri venali duos denarios <22> de qualibet centena gaddorum aceris venali vnum obolum, de qualibet carectata de Aberden' venali vnum denarium, de qualibet centena de stokfiss' venali vnum quadrantem <23> de decem petris canabi venalibus vnum quadrantem, de decem lagenis olei venalibus vnum obolum, et de aliis quibuscumque rebus venalibus ad dictam villam venientibus <24> valoris quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod dictas consuetudines [*sic*]² vsque ad finem dictorum quatuor annorum plenarie completorum <25> capiat. Ita tamen quod de rebus et mercimoniis de quibus custumas aliquas in auxilium kaie ville predicte reparande iuxta concessionem nostram vobis inde <26> factam receperitis durante concessione illa muragium minime capiat. Completo autem termino dictorum quatuor [*sic*] annorum, dicte consuetudines penitus <27> cessent et deleantur. In cuius etcetera a predicto primo die Februarii per predictos quatuor annos proximo sequentes duraturas. Teste Rege apud westmonasterium .xx. die septembris <28> ; per ipsum Regem et consilium

Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of a weigh of tallow and lard¹ saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of alum, copperas, argol and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand of onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic saleable, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of sea fish saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of faggots saleable, one penny. Of ten thousand of turves saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every weigh of cheese and butter saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of brushwood² and coals³ saleable throughout the week, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of nails saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horseshoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every trussel of whatsoever wares saleable, coming to the aforesaid town and exceeding the value of five shillings, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of Aberdeens saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons⁴ of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of other things whatsoever saleable, coming to the said town, of the value of five shillings, one farthing. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said four years fully completed. So, nevertheless, that of things and wares of which you have taken any customs in aid of repairing the quay of the town aforesaid, according to our grant made to you thereof, during that grant, you shall not take murage. But the term of the said four years having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., from the aforesaid first day of February enduring for the aforesaid four years next following. Witness the King at Westminster on the 20th day of September.

By the King himself and the Council.

¹ Or grease.

² Or firewood.

³ Or charcoal.

⁴ Or jars.

¹ busce inserted above the line.

² Instead of two, three strokes follow the t.

[3rd January, 11 Edward III, [1338].]

De muragio eidem
concesso

Rex¹ eisdem; salutem. Sciatis quod cum in auxilium muri ville predictæ reparandi et emendandi per alias litteras nostras patentes per quadriennium duraturas concesserimus <2> vobis certas consuetudines de rebus venalibus per terram venientibus ad eandem villam, prout in litteris nostris predictis plenius continetur Nos in auxilium kaie <3> eiusdem ville reparandi et emendandi concessimus vobis, quod a vicesimo die Septembris proximo futuro vsque ad finem quatuor annorum proximo sequencium plenarie completorum <4> capiatís de rebus venalibus ad dictam villam per aquam venientibus consuetudines subscriptas, videlicet de qualibet summa bladi venali vnum quadrantem <5> de quolibet dolio vini venali, duos denarios, de quolibet corio equi et eque bouis et vacce frisco salito aut tannato venali vnum quadrantem de quinque baconibus venalibus vnum <6> obolum, de quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet Lampreda venali ante Pascha vnum quadrantem, de decem velleribus venalibus vnum obolum <7> de qualibet Centena pellium ouium lanutarum caprarum ceruorum, bissarum damorum et damarum venali vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena pellium agnorum Capriolorum leporum cuni<8>culorum vulpium, catorum et squirellorum venali vnum obolum, de quolibet panno integro venali vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena lineæ tele caneuciij pannorum hibernie Gale<9>weyth et worthstede vnum denarium, de quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samito diapre et Baudekyn vnum obolum, de quolibet panno de serico sine auro <10> et chief' de sendallo afforciato vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naue veniente ad eandem villam carcata de rebus venalibus tres denarios, de quolibet dolio cinerum venali vnum <11> denarium et vnum obolum, de quolibet sacco lane venali, duos denarios, de auerio de pondere scilicet de centena vnum denarium, de qualibet peisa cepi et vncti venali vnum denarium <12> de quolibet quarterio waide venali duos denarios, de qualibet Centena de Alum Coporose, argail et vertegrece venali, vnum obolum, de duobus miliaribus ceparum venalibus vnum <13> quadrantem, de octo Shauis alei venalibus vnum quadrantem, de quolibet miliari allecis venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet Centena piscis marini venali, vnum denarium, de qualibet Centena <14>

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 11 Ed. III, p. 3, m. 5 (P.R.O. C66/191, m. 5), where it is entered immediately after the grant of quayage of 10th January (See p. 92). The uncertified copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 31, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 32-33. Notes are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 72-73.

3rd January, 11 Edward III, [1338].

Concerning
murage
granted to
the same.¹

The King to the same, greeting. Know ye that whereas in aid of repairing and amending the wall of the town aforesaid by other our letters patent enduring for four years, we have granted to you certain customs of things saleable coming by land to the same town, as in our letters aforesaid is more fully contained. We, in aid of repairing and amending the quay of the same town have granted to you that, from the twentieth day of September next ensuing unto the end of the four years next following fully completed, you shall take of things saleable coming to the said town by water the customs below written, namely:—Of every horseload of corn saleable, one farthing. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every hide of horse and mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of five bacons² saleable, one halfpenny. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds, bucks and does saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids, hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted, one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, samite, diaper and baudekin, one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and best pure sendal, one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three-pence. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one penny and one halfpenny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of every weigh of tallow and lard³ saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, twopence. Of every hundred of alum, copperas, argol and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand of onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic saleable, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of faggots saleable, one penny. Of ten thousand of turves saleable, one farthing. Of

¹ See p. 93.

² bacon pigs or flitches of bacon.

³ Or grease.

bordi venali vnum obolum, de qualibet mola venali, vnum obolum. de quolibet miliari fagetorum venali, vnum denarium, de decem miliaribus turbarum venalibus, vnum quadrantem, de <15> quolibet quarterio salis venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet peisa casei et butiri venali, vnum obolum, de quolibet miliari clauorum venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet Centena ferrorum ad <16> equos et clutorum ad carectas venali vnum quadrantem, de quolibet quarterio tanni venali, vnum quadrantem, de quolibet trussello cuiuscumque mercimonij venali veniente ad predictam <17> villam et excedente valorem quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena stanni eris, et cupri venali, duos denarios, de qualibet centena gaddorum aceris venali <18> vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena de Stokfissh' venali, vnum quadrantem, de decem petris canabi venalibus vnum quadrantem, de decem lagenis olei venalibus, vnum obolum, et de aliis <19> quibuscumque rebus venalibus ad dictam villam per aquam venientibus valoris quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod dictas consuetudines vsque ad <20> finem dictorum quatuor annorum plenarie completorum capiatis Et nolumus quod quicquam de rebus et mercimoniis de quibus custume per vos in auxilium reparacionis dicti <21> muri capiuntur ad kaigium predictum exigatis nec capiatis quoquo modo Completo autem termino dictorum quatuor annorum dicte consuetudines penitus cessent <22> et deleantur In cuius etcetera a predicto vicesimo die Septembris per predictos quatuor annos proximo sequentes duraturas. Teste Rege apud Turrin London[ie]. tercio. die Ianuarii

Per ipsum Regem

every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every weigh of cheese and butter saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of nails saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horseshoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every trussel of whatsoever wares saleable, coming to the aforesaid town and exceeding the value of five shillings, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons¹ of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of other things whatsoever saleable, coming to the said town by water, of the value of five shillings, one farthing. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said four years fully completed. And we are unwilling that you shall exact or take in any wise for the quay aforesaid anything of things or wares of which customs are taken by you in aid of the reparation of the said wall. But the term of the said four years having been completed the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., from the aforesaid twentieth day of September enduring for the aforesaid four years next following. Witness the King at the Tower of London on the third day of January. By the King himself.

¹ Or jars.

[*10th January, 11 Edward III, [1338].*]

De kaiagio ville
Bristollie concessio

Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori Balliuis et probis hominibus ville sue Bristollie; salutem. Sciatis quod cum in auxilium kaie ville predictae reparandi et emendandi per alias litteras nostras paten(2)tes per quadriennium duraturas concesserimus vobis certas consuetudines de rebus venalibus per aquam venientibus ad eandem villam, prout in litteris predictis plenius continetur Nos (3) in auxilium muri eiusdem ville que super brachium maris sita est, et per quam populus parcium illarum si ex hostili inuasionem periculum imineret succurri poterit et defendi (4) qui quidem murus in diuersis locis ruinosus siue debilis existit vt accepimus reparandi et emendandi concessimus vobis quod a vicesmo die Septembris proximo futuro (5) vsque ad finem quatuor annorum proximo sequencium plenarie completorum capiat de rebus venalibus ad dictam villam per terram venientibus consuetudines subscriptas (6) videlicet de qualibet summa bladi venali vnum denarium,² de qualibet carectata bladi venali, vnum obolum. de quolibet dolio vini venali duos denarios, de quolibet equo et (7) equa, boue et vacca venali vnum obolum, de quolibet corio equi et eque, bouis et vacce frisco salito aut tannato venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet carectata ferente (8) carnes salitas vel friskas venales vnum denarium et vnum obolum. de quinque baconibus venalibus vnum obolum, de quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet (9) lampreda venali ante Pascha vnum quadrantem de decem ouibus capris vel porcis venalibus vnum denarium, de decem velleribus venalibus vnum obolum. de qualibet Centena pellium ouium lanu(10)tarum, caprarum, ceruorum bissarum, damorum et damarum venali vnum obolum, de qualibet centena pellium, agnorum capriolorum, leprorum [*sic*] cuniculorum, vulpium catorum et squirellorum venali (11) vnum obolum. de quolibet summagio pannorum venali vnum obolum, de quolibet panno integro venali vnum obolum, de qualibet centena lineae tele caneuci pannorum hibernie Galeweyth (12) et worthstede vnum denarium, de quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samite [*sic*] diapre et Baudekyn vnum obolum, de quolibet panno de serico sine auro et chief (13) de sendallo afforciato vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naue veniente ad eandem

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 11 Ed. III, p. 3, m. 5 (P.R.O. C66/191, m. 5), where it is entered immediately before the grant of murage of 3rd January (See p. 88). Certified under date April, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 33-34, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 34-35. Notes are given in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 72-73.

10th January, 11 Edward III, [1338].

Concerning
quayage of
the town of
Bristol
granted.

The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that whereas in aid of repairing and amending the quay of the town aforesaid by other our letters patent enduring for four years, we have granted to you certain customs of things saleable coming by water to the same town, as in the letters aforesaid is more fully contained. We, in aid of repairing and amending the wall of the same town which is situate upon an arm of the sea and by which the people of those parts, if peril from a hostile invasion should be imminent, have been able to be succoured and defended; which wall, indeed, in divers places is ruinous or weak, as we have heard, have granted to you that, from the twentieth day of September next ensuing unto the end of the four years next following fully completed, you shall take of things saleable coming to the said town by land the customs below written, namely:—Of every horseload of corn saleable, one penny.¹ Of every cartload of corn saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every horse and mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hide of horse and mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of every cart bearing meat, salted or fresh, saleable, one penny and one halfpenny. Of five bacons² saleable, one halfpenny. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten sheep, goats or pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, stags, hinds, bucks and does saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids, hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horseload of cloths saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted, one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, of samite, diaper and baudekin, one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and of best pure sendal, one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three pence. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one penny and one halfpenny. Of every horseload of ashes saleable,

¹ *Probably copy of scribal error in previous grant. See p. 85.*

² *bacon pigs or fitches of bacon.*

² *See note 2, p. 84.*

villam carcata cum rebus venalibus tres denarios, de quolibet dolio cinerum venali vnum denarium et vnum <14> obolum. de quolibet summagio cinerum venali vnum obolum. de qualibet carectata mellis venali vnum denarium, de quolibet sacco lane venali duos denarios de quolibet trussello <15> pannorum venali ducto per carectam duos denarios, de quolibet summagio panni venali vel aliarum rerum et diuersarum minutarum venalium veniencium ad eandem villam vnum obolum <16> de qualibet carectata ferri venali vnum denarium, de quolibet summagio ferri venali vnum obolum, de qualibet carectata plumbi venali vnum denarium, de qualibet carectata tanni <17> venali per ebdomodam vnum quadrantem, de auerio de pondere scilicet de centena vnum denarium, de peisa cepi et vncti venali vnum denarium, de quolibet quarterio waide <18> venali duos denarios, de qualibet Centena de Alum Coperose, argail et vertegrece venali vnum obolum, de duobus miliaribus ceparum venalibus vnum quadrantem, de octo Shauis alei <19> venalibus vnum quadrantem, de quolibet miliari allecis venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena¹ piscis marini venali vnum quadrantem,² de quolibet summagio piscis marini venali vnum obolum <20> de qualibet Centena bordi venali vnum obolum, de qualibet mola venali vnum obolum. de quolibet miliari fagetorum venali vnum denarium, de decem miliaribus turbarum venalibus vnum <21> quadrantem, de quolibet quarterio salis venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet peisa casei et butiri venali vnum obolum, de qualibet careccata busse et carbonum venali per ebdo<22>modam vnum obolum, de quolibet miliari clauorum venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena ferrorum ad equos et clutorum ad careccas venali vnum quadrantem, de quolibet <23> quarterio tanni venali vnum quadrantem, de quolibet trussello cuiuscumque mercimonij venali veniente ad predictam villam, et excedente valorem quinque soli<24>dorum vnum quadrantem, de qualibet centena stanni eris et cupri venali duos denarios, de qualibet centena gaddorum aceris venali vnum obolum, de qualibet carectata de <25> Aberden' venali vnum denarium, de qualibet centena de stokfisssh' venali vnum quadrantem, de decem petris canabi venalibus vnum quadrantem, de decem lagenis olei <26> venalibus vnum obolum, et de aliis quibuscumque rebus venalibus ad dictam villam venientibus valoris quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod dictas <27> consuetudines vsque

¹ centena *inserted above the line.*

² denarium *in previous grants.*

one halfpenny. Of every cartload of honey saleable, one penny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every trussel of cloths saleable brought by cart, two pence. Of every horseload of cloth saleable or of other things and divers minute [objects] saleable coming to the same town, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of iron saleable, one penny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of lead saleable, one penny. Of every cartload of tan saleable throughout the week, one farthing. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of a weigh of tallow and lard¹ saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of alum, copperas, argol and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand of onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic saleable, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of sea fish saleable, one farthing. Of every horseload of sea fish saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of faggots saleable, one penny. Of ten thousand of turves saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every weigh of cheese and butter saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of brushwood² and coals³ saleable throughout the week, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of nails saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horseshoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every trussel of whatsoever wares saleable, coming to the aforesaid town and exceeding the value of five shillings, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every cartload of Aberdeens saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons⁴ of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of other things whatsoever saleable, coming to the said town, of the value of five shillings, one farthing. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said four years fully completed. And we are unwilling that you shall exact or take in any wise for the murage aforesaid anything of things and wares of which customs are taken by you in aid of the reparation of the said quay. But the term of the said four years having been completed, the said customs shall

¹ *Or* grease.

³ *Or* charcoal.

² *Or* firewood.

⁴ *Or* jars.

ad finem dictorum quatuor annorum plenarie completorum
capiatis Et nolumus quod quicquam de rebus et mercimoniis de
quibus custume <28> per vos in auxilium reparacionis dicte kaie
capiuntur. ad muragium predictum exigatis, nec capiatis quoquo
modo Completo autem termino dictorum quatuor <29> annorum
dicte consuetudines penitus cessent et deleantur In cuius.
etcetera a predicto. vicesimo die Septembris per predictos quatuor
annos proximo sequentes <30> duraturas Teste Rege apud
hertford[iam] .x. die Ianuarii per ipsum Regem.

utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., from the aforesaid twentieth day of September enduring for the aforesaid four years next following. Witness the King at Hertford on the 10th day of January.

By the King himself.

[26th May, 14 Edward III, [1340].]

De muragio

Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori Balliuis et probis hominibus ville sue Bristollie, salutem Sciatis quod cum nuper in auxilium Muri ville predictae reparandi et emendandi per litteras nostras patentes <2> per certum tempus duraturas concesserimus vobis certas consuetudines de rebus venalibus per terram venientibus ad eandem villam prout in litteris nostris predictis plenius continetur, et nos in <3> auxilium kaie eiusdem ville reparandi et emendandi tercio die Ianuarii anno regni nostri vndecimo concesserimus vobis quod a vicesimo die Septembris tunc proximo futuro vsque ad finem <4> quatuor annorum proximo sequencium plenarie completorum caperetis de rebus venalibus ad dictam villam per aquam venientibus consuetudines subscriptas videlicet, de qualibet summa bladi <5> venali; vnum quadrantem, de quolibet dolio vini venali; duos denarios, de quolibet corio equi et eque bouis et vacce frisco, salito aut tannato venali; vnum quadrantem, de quinque <6> baconibus venalibus; vnum obolum, de quolibet salmone frisco vel salito venali; vnum quadrantem, de qualibet lampreda venali; ante Pascha vnum quadrantem, de decem velleribus venalibus; <7> vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena pellium ouium lanutarum, caprarum, ceruorum, bissarum, damarum [sic] damarum venali; vnum obolum de qualibet Centena pellium agnorum capriolorum, leporum <8> cuniculorum vulpium, catorum et squirellorum venali; vnum obolum, de quolibet panno integro venali; vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena lineae tele caneucij pannorum hibernie, Galeweyth et <9> worthstede vnum denarium de quolibet panno de serico cum auro de samito diapre et Baudekyn vnum obolum, de quolibet panno de serico sine auro et chief de sendallo <10> afforciato vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naue veniente ad eandem villam carcata de rebus venalibus; tres denarios, de quolibet dolio cinerum venali; vnum denarium et vnum obolum, de <11> quolibet sacco lane venali; duos denarios, de auerio de pondere, scilicet de Centena vnum denarium, de qualibet peisa cepi et vncti venali; vnum denarium, de quolibet quarterio waide venali; <12> duos denarios, de qualibet Centena de Alum Coporose, argail et vertegrece venali; vnum obolum, de duobus Miliaribus ceparum venalibus; vnum quadrantem, de octo shauis alei venalibus; <13> vnum quadrantem, de quolibet Miliari allecis venali; vnum quadrantem,

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 14 Ed. III, p. 2, m. 25 (P.R.O. C66/198, m. 25). Certified under date April, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 35-36, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 36-37.

26th May, 14 Edward III, [1340].

Concerning
murage.

The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of his town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that whereas lately in aid of repairing and amending the wall of the town aforesaid by our letters patent enduring for a certain¹ time, we have granted to you certain customs of things saleable coming by land to the same town as in our letters aforesaid is more fully contained; and we, in aid of repairing and amending the quay of the same town on the third day of January in the eleventh year of our reign granted to you that, from the twentieth day of September then next ensuing unto the end of the four years next following fully completed, you should take of things saleable coming to the said town by water, the customs below written, namely:— Of every horseload of corn saleable, one farthing. Of every tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every hide of horse and mare, ox and cow, fresh, salted or tanned, saleable, one farthing. Of five bacons² saleable, one halfpenny. Of every salmon, fresh or salted, saleable, one farthing. Of every lamprey saleable before Easter, one farthing. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of sheep, ewes, goats, stags, hinds, [bucks] and does saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pells of lambs, kids, hares, rabbits, foxes, cats and squirrels saleable, one halfpenny. Of every whole cloth saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of linen cloth, canvas, cloths of Ireland, Galway and Worsted, one penny. Of every cloth of silk with gold, of samite, diaper and baudekin, one halfpenny. Of every cloth of silk without gold and of best pure sendal, one farthing. Of every ship coming to the same town laden with things saleable, three pence. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one penny and one halfpenny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of every weigh of tallow and lard³ saleable, one penny. Of every quarter of woad saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of alum, copperas, argol and verdigris saleable, one halfpenny. Of two thousand onions saleable, one farthing. Of eight chives of garlic saleable, one farthing. Of every thousand of herring saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of sea fish saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every millstone saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of faggots

¹ Or fixed.

² bacon pigs or flitches of bacon.

³ Or grease.

de qualibet Centena piscis marini venali; vnum denarium, de qualibet Centena bordi venali; vnum obolum, de qualibet <14> mola venali; vnum obolum, de quolibet Miliari fagetorum venali; vnum denarium, de decem Miliaribus turbarum venalibus; vnum quadrantem, de quolibet quarterio salis venali; vnum quadrantem, de <15> qualibet peisa casei et butiri venali; vnum obolum, de quolibet Miliari clauorum venali; vnum quadrantem, de qualibet Centena ferrorum ad equos et clutorum ad caretas venali; vnum quadrantem <16> de quolibet quarterio tanni venali; vnum quadrantem, de quolibet trussello cuiuscumque mercimonij venali veniente ad predictam villam et excedente valorem quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem <17> de qualibet Centena stanni, eris et Cupri venali; duos denarios, de qualibet Centena gaddorum aceris venali; vnum obolum, de qualibet Centena de Stokfiss' venali vnum quadrantem <18> de decem petris canabi venalibus; vnum quadrantem, de decem lagenis olei venalibus; vnum obolum, et de aliis quibuscumque rebus venalibus; ad dictam villam per aquam venientibus valoris <19> quinque solidorum vnum quadrantem; prout in aliis litteris nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur. Nos volentes reparacioni et emendacioni kaie ville predictae vberius prouidere <20> concessimus vobis quod a fine dictorum quatuor annorum vsque ad finem trium annorum et octo mensium tunc proximo sequencium plenarie completorum capiatis de rebus huiusmodi venalibus ad <21> dictam villam per terram venientibus consuetudines supradictas in forma in litteris nostris predictis vt premittitur contenta. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod dictas consuetudines <22> a fine dicti quadriennij vsque ad finem dictorum trium annorum et octo mensium tunc proximo sequencium plenarie completorum capiatis vt est dictum. Et nolumus quod quicquam <23> de rebus et mercimoniis de quibus custume per vos in auxilium reparacionis dicti Muri capiuntur ad kaiagium predictum exigatis, nec capiatis quoquo modo. Completo autem <24> termino dictorum trium annorum et octo Mensium dicte consuetudines penitus cessent et deleantur. In cuius etcetera per predictos tres annos et octo Menses duraturas. Teste Rege <25> apud westmonasterium xxvj. die Maij.

; per ipsum Regem et per finem vnus marce
; Gloucestr[ia].

saleable, one penny. Of ten thousand of turves saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of salt saleable, one farthing. Of every weigh of cheese and butter saleable, one halfpenny. Of every thousand of nails saleable, one farthing. Of every hundred of horsehoes and clouts for carts saleable, one farthing. Of every quarter of tan saleable, one farthing. Of every trussel of whatsoever wares saleable, coming to the aforesaid town and exceeding the value of five shillings, one farthing. Of every hundred of tin, brass and copper saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of steel gads saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of stockfish saleable, one farthing. Of ten stone of hemp saleable, one farthing. Of ten gallons¹ of oil saleable, one halfpenny. And of other things whatsoever saleable, coming to the said town by water, of the value of five shillings, one farthing ; as in other our letters patent, thereof made, is more fully contained. We, willing to provide more abundantly for the reparation and amendment of the quay of the town aforesaid, have granted to you that, from the end of the said four years unto the end of the three years and eight months then next following fully completed, you shall take of such things saleable coming to the said town by land, the customs above said in the form contained in our letters aforesaid, as is premised. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs from the end of the said four years unto the end of the said three years and eight months then next following fully completed, as is said. And we are unwilling that you shall exact or take in any wise for the quayage aforesaid anything of things and wares of which customs are taken by you in aid of the reparation of the said wall. But the term of the said three years and eight months having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring for the aforesaid three years and eight months. Witness the King at Westminster on the 26th day of May.

By the King himself and by fine of one mark.
Gloucester.

¹ Or jars.

[25th April, 18 Edward III, [1344].]

De muragio
hominibus ville
Bristollic concessio ¶

Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori, Balliuis et probis hominibus ville Bristollie; salutem. Sciatis quod in auxilium murorum ville predicte reparandorum et emendandorum; concessimus vobis, quod a die confectionis presencium <2> vsque ad finem quatuor annorum proximo sequencium plenarie completorum capiatis de rebus venalibus ad villam predictam tam per aquam, quam per terram venientibus per manus illorum quos ad <3> hoc deputare et pro quibus respondere volueritis consuetudines subscriptas² videlicet de qualibet naui mercatoria cum mercandis <4> infra portum ibidem applicante singulis vicibus quibus ibidem applicuerit sex denarios, de qualibet naui cum pisce vel allece ibidem applicante; quatuor denarios, de quolibet <5> batello mercatorio vel piscatorio cum mercandis, pisce vel allece carcato ibidem applicante duos denarios, de singulis quarteriis frumenti et siliginis venalibus; vnum quadrantem, de <6> singulis duobus quarteriis fabarum pisarum bras', auene et salis venalibus; vnum quadrantem, de singulis doliis vini venalibus; vnum denarium, de quolibet sacco lane venali duos denarios <7> de qualibet dacra coriorum venali; vnum obolum, de qualibet peisa cepi venali; vnum quadrantem, de quolibet lasto allecis venali duos denarios, de qualibet centena piscium <8>³ venali; vnum obolum, de qualibet naui maeremio busca vel turbis venalibus carcata; duos denarios, de qualibet celdra carbonum maritimorum venali; vnum quadrantem <9> de quolibet summagio alei vel ceparum venali; vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naui cortice venale carcata; vnum denarium, de quolibet batello siue bargea busca venale <10> carcata; vnum obolum de singulis decem petris canabi vel lini venalibus; vnum obolum, de quolibet summagio ferri venali; vnum quadrantem, de qualibet carrata <11> plumbi venali; vnum denarium, de quolibet dolio picis vel ter venali; vnum obolum, de quolibet dolio olei venali; vnum denarium, de quolibet dolio cinerum venali; vnum <12> quadrantem, de quolibet dolio wayde venali; duos denarios, de qualibet centena cere venali; vnum denarium, de qualibet centena panni lanuti venali vnum denarium de <13> qualibet centena lineee tele et caneuasij venali; vnum obolum, de qualibet centena piperis

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 18 Ed. III, m. 19 (P.R.O. C66/211, m. 19). Certified under date March, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 37-38, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 38-39.

² Between subscriptas and videlicet quarter of a line has been erased and the erasure struck through.

25th April, 18 Edward III, [1344].

Concern-
ing murage ¶
granted
to the men
of the town
of Bristol.

The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of the town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of repairing and amending the walls of the town aforesaid we have granted to you that, from the day of the making of these presents unto the end of the four years next following fully completed, you shall take of things saleable, coming to the town aforesaid, as well by water as by land, by the hands of those whom you have willed to depute for this [purpose] and to be respondent for them, the customs below written, namely :—Of every merchant ship entering within the port of the same place with merchandise, for each time at which it shall enter into the same place, six pence. Of every ship entering into the same place with fish or herring, four pence. Of every merchant or fishing boat, laden with merchandise, fish or herring, entering into the same place, two pence. Of each quarter of wheat and rye saleable, one farthing. Of each two quarters of beans, peas, malt, oats and salt saleable, one farthing. Of each tun of wine saleable, one penny. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every dicker of hides saleable, one halfpenny. Of every weigh of tallow saleable, one farthing. Of every last of herring saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of fishes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every ship laden with timber, brushwood¹ or turves saleable, two pence. Of every chaldron of sea coals saleable, one farthing. Of every horseload of garlic or onions saleable, one farthing. Of every ship laden with bark saleable, one penny. Of every boat or barge laden with brushwood¹ saleable, one halfpenny. Of each ten stone of hemp or flax saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one farthing. Of every cartload of lead saleable, one penny. Of every tun of pitch or tar saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of oil saleable, one penny. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one farthing. Of every tun of woad saleable, two pence. Of every hundred of wax saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of woollen cloth saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of linen cloth and canvas saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pepper saleable, two pence. Of every frail of figs and of raisins saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of

¹ Or firewood.

³ Line {8} omitted in "Bristol Charters" (See note 1).

venali ; duos denarios, de quolibet fraello ficium et de reisinis venali vnum obolum <14> de qualibet centena amigdalorum venali ; vnum denarium, de auerio de pondere, scilicet de centena ; vnum denarium, de qualibet centena bordi venali ; vnum obolum de quolibet <15> masto venali ; vnum denarium, de qualibet centena cheueronum, vel Auironu [*sic*] venali ; vnum denarium, de qualibet bala de Cordewanum et basan venali ; vnum denarium, de <16> qualibet celdra terre Ross' venali ; vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naui molis venalibus carcata ; vnum denarium, de quolibet equo et equa, boue et vacca venali ; vnum obolum <17> de decem ouibus capris et porcis venalibus ; vnum denarium, de decem velleribus venalibus ; vnum obolum, de qualibet centena grisei operis venali tres denarios, de qualibet <18> centena stanni et cupri venali ; vnum denarium, et de quibuscumque aliis mercimoniis et rebus venalibus hic non specificatis ad villam predictam tam per terram, quam per aquam <19> venientibus quocumque nomine censeantur ; vnum denarium de libra, vnum obolum de decem solidis et vnum quadrantem de quinque solidis. Ita quod proficuum de consuetudinibus <20> predictis proueniens circa reparacionem et emendacionem murorum ville predictae et non in alios vsus conuertatur. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod dictas consuetudines vsque ad finem <21> dictorum quatuor annorum capiat in forma predicta et proficuum earundem consuetudinum circa reparacionem et emendacionem murorum dicte ville ponatis, completo autem termino <22> quatuor annorum predictorum ; dicte consuetudines penitus cessent et deleantur. In cuius etcetera per predictos quatuor annos duraturas. Teste Rege apud westmonasterium .xxv. die Aprilis.

<23> per breue de priuato sigillo.

almonds saleable, one penny. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every mast saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of spars or oars saleable, one penny. Of every bale of Cordovan¹ and basil² saleable, one penny. Of every chaldron of earth of Ross [²]³ saleable, one farthing. Of every ship laden with millstones saleable, one penny. Of every horse and mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of ten sheep, goats and pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of grey⁴ saleable, three pence. Of every hundred of tin and copper saleable, one penny. And of whatsoever other wares and things saleable, here not specified, coming to the town aforesaid, as well by land as by water, by whatsoever name they shall be assessed, one penny of a pound, one halfpenny of ten shillings and one farthing of five shillings. So that the profit coming from the customs aforesaid shall be applied towards the reparation and amendment of the walls of the town aforesaid and not to other uses. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said four years, in the form aforesaid and you shall put the profit of the same customs towards the reparation and amendment of the walls of the said town. But the term of the four years aforesaid having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring for the aforesaid four years. Witness the King at Westminster on the 25th day of April.

By writ of privy seal.

¹ Or cordwain. *Tawed leather in imitation of that of Cordova.*

² basen, basana, baseyn, etc. *An inferior leather of dressed sheepskin.*

³ *Meaning not traced, but given as fuller's earth in "Bristol Charters,"* 04383(2).

⁴ *Grey squirrels' fur.*

[12th February, 21 Edward III, [1347].]

Pro Burgensibus ¶
ville Bristollie

Rex¹ vicecomitibus Maioribus et balliuis villarum Ciuitatum et Burgorum ac aliis balliuis Ministris et fidelibus suis tam infra libertates quam extra ad quos etcetera ; <2> salutem. Cum inter ceteras libertates et quietancias dilectis nobis Burgensibus ville² Bristollie per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie concessas <3> concessum sit eisdem quod ipsi sint quieti, de theolonio lestagio, passagio, et pontagio, et de omnibus aliis consuetudinibus per totam terram³ et potestatem <4> nostram videlicet in Anglia wallia³ et hibernia, et nos postmodum cartas illas per cartam nostram confirmauerimus, et vltcrius concesserimus pro nobis et heredibus <5> nostris eisdem Burgensibus, quod licet ipsi vel eorum antecessores siue predecessores, aliqua vel aliquibus libertatibus et quietanciis in dictis cartis contentis <6> aliquo casu emergente antea vsi non fuerint, iidem tamen Burgenses et eorum heredes et successores, libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qua<7>libet extunc plene gauderent et vterentur ; sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum Iusticiariorum Escaetorum vicecomitum Coronatorum, aut <8> aliorum balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque, prout in cartis et confirmacione nostra predictis plenius continetur ; vobis et cuilibet vestrum mandamus <9> quod Burgenses predictae ville Bristollie et eorum quemlibet, libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet coram vobis quatenus vos concernunt <10> vti et gaudere permittatis iuxta tenorem cartarum concessionis et confirmacionisstrarum predictarum, ipsos Burgenses aut eorum aliquem contra tenorem <11> earundem non molestantes in aliquo seu grauantes, In cuius etcetera Teste Custode predicto⁴ apud Redyng[am] .xij. die Februarii.

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 21 Ed. III, p. 1, m. 32. The copy, certified under date March, 1825, in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 43, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 42.

² ville inserted above the line.

³ terram and wallia omitted from "Bristol Charters."

⁴ [Leonello filio nostro carissimo custode Anglie] inserted after predicto in "Bristol Charters."

12th February, 21 Edward III, [1347].

For the
burgesses
of the town
of Bristol.

¶ The King to Sheriffs, Mayors and Bailiffs of Towns, Cities and Boroughs and to other his Bailiffs, Ministers and faithful people, as well within the liberties as without, to whom, etc., greeting. Whereas amongst other liberties and quittances granted to our beloved burgesses of the town of Bristol by charters of our progenitors, formerly Kings of England, it was granted to the same that they should be quit of toll, lastage, passage and pontage and of all other customs throughout all our land and power, namely, in England, Wales and Ireland; and we afterwards confirmed those charters by our charter and, further, granted for us and our heirs to the same burgesses that, although they or their antecedents or predecessors have not heretofore, in any case arising, used any one or any of the liberties and quittances in the said charters contained, nevertheless, the same burgesses and their heirs and successors should from that time fully enjoy and use the liberties and quittances aforesaid and any of them, without let¹ or impediment of us or our heirs, Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, Coroners or other our Bailiffs or Ministers whatsoever, as in the charters and our confirmation aforesaid is more fully contained. We command you and every one of you that you shall permit the burgesses of the aforesaid town of Bristol and every one of them to use and enjoy the liberties and quittances aforesaid and every one of them before you, as far as they concern you, according to the tenor of the charters, our grant and confirmation aforesaid, not molesting in anything or oppressing the burgesses or any of them contrary to the tenor of the same. In [witness], etc. Witness the Keeper aforesaid² at Reading on the 12th day of February.

¹ *Or* charge.

² Lionel, our very dear son, Keeper of England.

[24th April, 21 Edward III, [1347].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie; Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenerint; salutem. Quia vt accepimus quamplu<2>res malefactores. et pacis nostre perturbatores in villa Bristollie diebus et noctibus vagantur. et discurrunt, dampna maleficia. et excessus hominibus parcium illarum diuersimodo <3> perpetrantes in populi nostri ibidem terrorem non modicum ac dicte pacis nostre lesionem manifestam. Nos desiderantes pacem nostram in villa predicta, sicut in ceteris <4> locis regni nostri Anglie firmiter obseruari, ac volentes perturbatores, et violatores eiusdem pacis nostre debite puniri prout decet; concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris dilectis <5> nobis: Maiori. Balliuis, et probis hominibus dicte ville Bristollie, quod ipsi vnum dolium pro prisonibus infra villam predictam de nouo facere. et illud habere possint et tenere sibi <6> et successoribus suis imperpetuum, ad imprisonandum in eodem huiusmodi malefactores, et pacis nostre perturbatores. si quos ibidem de nocte vagantes inueniri contigerit <7> eodem modo et prout in Ciuitate nostra London[ie] est vsitatum, Concessimus eciam pro nobis et heredibus nostris eisdem Maiori, Balliuis et probis hominibus, quod ipsi et succes<8>sores sui predicti pro meliori custodia assise panis in villa predicta faciendo decetero facere possint talem punicionem de Pistoribus assisam illam ibidem frangen<9>tibus, videlicet ad trahendum huiusmodi Pistores contra assisam illam delinquentes super cleias per vicos ville predictae, et ad ipsos alio modo castigandos, prout in dicta <10> Ciuitate nostra London[ie] de huiusmodi pistoribus similiter est vsitatum. In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Leonello <11> filio nostro carissimo, Custode Anglie apud Redyng[am] vicesimo quarto die Aprilis, Anno regni nostri Anglie vicesimo primo, regni vero nostri Francie octauo.

per breue de priuato sigillo. Sewenh' [?].

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01250(1-2)). It is written on parchment measuring $14\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{5}{8}$ ins. The great seal in green wax is attached by red and blue silk cords; the seal itself has undergone repair.

The initial E is illuminated and reproductions of it appear in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," p. 36; Nicholls' and Taylor's "Bristol. Past and Present," p. 175; and Bickley's "The Little Red Book of Bristol," Vol. II, p. 33. The upper half of the letter contains a picture of two evildoers being driven into the cage and the lower shows a fraudulent baker being dragged on a hurdle drawn by two horses. His short-weight loaf is suspended above his head in scales of markedly uneven balance.

24th April, 21 Edward III, [1347].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. Whereas, as we have heard, very many evil-doers and disturbers of our peace in the town of Bristol wander and run about by day and night perpetrating in divers ways damages, evil-doings and excesses to the men of those parts, to the no small terror of our people in the same place and to the manifest breach of our said peace. We, desiring our peace in the town aforesaid, as in other places of our realm of England, firmly to be observed, and willing the disturbers and violaters of our same peace to be duly punished, as is right, have granted for us and our heirs to our beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of the said town of Bristol that they shall be able to make anew one cage for prisoners within the town aforesaid and to have and to hold that for themselves and their successors for ever, to imprison in the same such evil-doers and disturbers of our peace, if it shall happen that any be found in the same place wandering by night, in the same manner and as is used in our city of London. We have granted, also, for us and our heirs to the same Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men that they and their successors aforesaid for the better keeping of the assize of bread to be made in the town aforesaid henceforth shall be able to inflict the following punishment on bakers breaking that assize in the same place, namely, to draw such bakers, delinquents against that assize, upon hurdles through the streets of the town aforesaid and otherwise to chastise¹ them as in our said city of London is similarly used for such bakers. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness: Lionel, our very dear son, Keeper of England, at Reading on the twenty-fourth day of April in the twenty-first year of our reign of England but in the eighth of our reign of France.

By writ of privy seal. Sewenh' [?].

¹ In the sense of punish.

The grant is enrolled in Patent Roll, 21 Ed. III, p. 1, m. 12 (P.R.O. C66/220, m. 12). There is a copy in "The Great White Book of Records" (C.T.'s Department: Customs: 04721), f. 222a. Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 36-38; a translation in Nicholls' and Taylor's "Bristol: Past and Present," Vol. I, p. 172; and notes in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 74-75.

In 1281 London received a writ, which was practically a commission of the peace, giving power to punish fraudulent bakers, millers, night walkers against the peace and others by incarceration in the Tun. It is possible that Bristol, coveting this privilege, obtained the present grant in emulation of that made to London.

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[*Endorsed in a later hand*] 24 Aprilis Anno 21 Ed. 3. <2> 1347

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Grant of Ground for <2> a Goale—and liberty <3> to punish
Bakers/

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Grant of Ground for a Gaol—and liberty to punish Bakers.

[27th April, 21 Edward III, [1347].]

[D]e pauagio
concesso
hominibus
[v]ille Bristollie

¶ Rex¹ dilectis sibi Maiori Balliuis et probis hominibus ville Bristollie; salutem. Sciatis quod in auxilium tam Murorum kaie ville predictae, quam aliorum <2> Murorum eiusdem ville reparandorum et emendandorum, concessimus vobis quod a vicesimo quinto die Aprilis proximo futuro, vsque ad finem sex annorum tunc <3> proximo sequencium plenarie completorum capiatis de rebus venalibus ad villam predictam, tam per aquam quam per terram venientibus, per manus illorum quos <4> ad hoc deputare, et pro quibus respondere volueritis. consuetudine subscriptas, videlicet de qualibet naui mercatoria cum mercandis <5> infra portum ibidem applicante, singulis vicibus quibus ibidem applicuerit sex denarios, de qualibet naui cum pisce vel allece ibidem applicante <6> quatuor denarios de quolibet batello mercatorio vel piscatorio cum mercandis pisce vel allece carcato ibidem applicante, duos denarios <7> de singulis quarteriis frumenti et siliginis venalis, ² vnum quadrantem de singulis duobus quarteriis fabarum, pisarum, bras', auene et salis <8> venalibus vnum quadrantem, de singulis doliis vini venalibus, duos denarios, de quolibet sacco lane venali, duos denarios, de qualibet dacra coriorum <9> venali, duos denarios et obolum. de qualibet peisa cepi venali, vnum denarium, de quolibet lasto allecis venali, tres denarios. de qualibet centena piscium <10> venali, vnum obolum de qualibet naui maeremio, busca vel turbis venalibus carcata, duos denarios, de qualibet celdra carbonum maritimorum venali <11> vnum quadrantem, de quolibet summagio alei vel ceparum venali, vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naui cortice venale carcata, vnum denarium de quolibet <12> batello siue bargea, busca venale carcata, vnum obolum, de singulis decem petris canabi vel lini venalibus vnum obolum, de quolibet summagio <13> ferri venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet carrata plumbi venali vnum denarium, de quolibet dolio picis vel ter venali vnum obolum, de quolibet <14> dolio salis venali, vnum denarium. de quolibet dolio cinerum venali, vnum quadrantem, de quolibet dolio cardonum venali vnum denarium, de qualibet <15> centena cere venali, vnum denarium, de qualibet centena panni lanuti venali, vnum denarium, de qualibet centena lineae tele et caneusij venali <16> vnum obolum, de qualibet centena piperis

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 21 Ed. III, p. 1, m. 9 (P.R.O. C66 [220, m. 9, front]). Certified under date March, 1825, the copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), ff. 41-42, is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 44-45.

² Expanded in MS.

27th April, 21 Edward III, [1347].

Concern-
ing pavage
granted to
the men of
the town
of Bristol.

¶ The King to his beloved Mayor, Bailiffs and worthy men of the town of Bristol, greeting. Know ye that in aid of repairing and amending as well the walls of the quay of the town aforesaid as of other walls of the same town, we have granted to you that, from the twenty-fifth day of April next ensuing unto the end of the six years then next following fully completed, you shall take of things saleable, coming to the town aforesaid, as well by water as by land, by the hands of those whom you have willed to depute for this [purpose] and to be respondent for them, the customs below written, namely :—Of every merchant ship entering within the port of the same place with merchandise, for each time at which it shall enter into the same place, six pence. Of every ship entering into the same place with fish or herring, four pence. Of every merchant or fishing boat laden with merchandise, fish or herring entering into the same place, two pence. Of each quarter of wheat and rye saleable, one farthing. Of each two quarters of beans, peas, malt, oats and salt saleable, one farthing. Of each tun of wine saleable, two pence. Of every sack of wool saleable, two pence. Of every dicker of hides saleable, two pence and a halfpenny. Of every weigh of tallow saleable, one penny. Of every last of herring saleable, three pence. Of every hundred of fishes saleable, one halfpenny. Of every ship laden with timber, brushwood¹ or turves saleable, two pence. Of every chaldron of sea coals saleable, one farthing. Of every horseload of garlic or onions saleable, one farthing. Of every ship laden with bark saleable, one penny. Of every boat or barge laden with brushwood¹ saleable, one halfpenny. Of each ten stone of hemp or flax saleable, one halfpenny. Of every horseload of iron saleable, one farthing. Of every cartload of lead saleable, one penny. Of every tun of pitch or tar saleable, one halfpenny. Of every tun of salt² saleable, one penny. Of every tun of ashes saleable, one farthing. Of every tun of cards³ saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of wax saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of woollen cloth saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of linen cloth and canvas saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of pepper saleable, two pence. Of every frail of figs and of raisins saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of almonds saleable,

¹ Or firewood.

² Probably a scribal error for oil. See p. 103.

³ Thistles, hooks or hinges are possible meanings.

venali duos denarios, de quolibet fraello ficium et de resinis venali vnum obolum, de qualibet cen<17>tena amigdolorum venali, vnum denarium, de auerio de pondere, scilicet de centena vnum denarium de qualibet centena bordi venali, vnum <18> obolum, de quolibet masto venali, vnum denarium, de qualibet centena cheuersonum, vel auironum venali, vnum denarium, de qualibet bala de Cordewan' <19> et Basan' venali, vnum denarium, de qualibet celdra terre Ross' venali vnum quadrantem, de qualibet naui molis venalibus carcata, vnum denarium, de <20> quolibet equo et equa, boue et vacca venali vnum obolum, de decem ouibus, capris et porcis venalibus, vnum denarium, de decem velleribus venalibus <21> vnum obolum, de qualibet centena grisei operis venali, tres denarios, de qualibet centena stanni et cupri venali, vnum denarium et de quibuscumque <22> aliis mercimoniis et rebus venalibus hic non specificatis ad villam predictam, tam per terram quam per aquam venientibus, quocumque nomine <23> censeantur, vnum denarium de libra, vnum obolum de decem solidis, et vnum quadrantem de quinque solidis, Ita quod proficuum de <24> consuetudinibus predictis proueniens, circa reparacionem et emendacionem murorum kaie et ville predictorum et non in alios vsus conuertatur. Et <25> ideo vobis mandamus quod dictas consuetudines vsque ad finem dictorum sex annorum capiat in forma predicta, et proficuum earundem consue<26>tudinum, circa reparacionem et emendacionem murorum kaie et ville predictorum ponatis, completo autem termino sex annorum predictorum, dicte consue<27>tudines penitus cessent et deleantur In cuius etcetera per predictos sex annos duraturas, Teste. Custode predicto¹ apud Redyng[am] xx vij. die Aprilis <28>. per breue de priuato sigillo.

¹ [Leonello filio nostro carissimo custode Anglie] *inserted after predicto in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1).*

one penny. Of avoirdupois, to wit, of a hundred, one penny. Of every hundred of board saleable, one halfpenny. Of every mast saleable, one penny. Of every hundred of spars or oars saleable, one penny. Of every bale of Cordovan and basil saleable, one penny. Of every chaldron of earth of Ross [?] ¹ saleable, one farthing. Of every ship laden with millstones saleable, one penny. Of every horse and mare, ox and cow saleable, one halfpenny. Of ten sheep, goats and pigs saleable, one penny. Of ten fleeces saleable, one halfpenny. Of every hundred of grey saleable, three pence. Of every hundred of tin and copper saleable, one penny. And of whatsoever other wares and things saleable, here not specified, coming to the town aforesaid, as well by land as by water, by whatsoever name they shall be assessed, one penny of a pound, one halfpenny of ten shillings and one farthing of five shillings. So that the profit coming from the customs aforesaid shall be applied towards the reparation and amendment of the walls of the quay and town aforesaid and not to other uses. And, therefore, we command you that you shall take the said customs unto the end of the said six years in the form aforesaid and you shall put the profit of the same customs towards the reparation and amendment of the walls of the quay and town aforesaid. But the term of the six years aforesaid having been completed, the said customs shall utterly cease and be abolished. In [witness] whereof, etc., enduring for the aforesaid six years. Witness the Keeper ² aforesaid at Reading, 27th day of April.

By writ of privy seal.

¹ *Meaning not traced, but given as fuller's earth in "Bristol Charters" 04383(2).*

² Lionel, our very dear son, Keeper of England.

[20th November, 34 Edward III, [1360].]

Pro burgensibus
ville Bristollie ¶

Rex¹ omnibus ad quos etcetera; salutem. Inspeximus tenorem recordi et processus cuiusdam assise noue disseisine nuper capte coram Rogero hillary et sociis suis tunc <2> Iusticiariis nostris ad assisas in Comitatu Gloucestrie capiendas assignatis quem coram nobis in Cancellaria nostra venire fecimus in hec verba, Placita assisarum Iuratarum et <3> certificacionum apud Gloucestriam coram Rogero hillary et hugone de Aston' Iusticiariis domini Regis ad omnes assisas, Iuratas et certificaciones coram quibuscumque² Iusticiariis <4> domini Regis in Comitatu predicto arrainiatis capiendas assignatis die veneris proximo post festum sancti Mathie apostoli anno regni Regis .E[dwardi]. tercij post conquestum <5> Anglie xxviii. Gloucestria. assisa venit recognitura si Michael Gode iniuste etcetera disseisiuit Thomam North Dyere de libero tenemento suo in suburbio <6> Bristollie post priman etcetera Et vnde queritur quod disseisiuit eum de vno mesuagio et tribus acris terre cum pertinenciis Et super hoc veniunt balliui ville <7> Bristollie et dicunt quod dominus Iohannes quondam Rex Anglie progenitor domini Regis nunc per cartam suam concessit burgensibus ville Bristollie et eorum <8> heredibus et successoribus quod ipsi non placitent nec implacentur extra muros ville Bristollie de vllo placito preter placita de exterioribus tenementis³ que <9> non pertinent ad hundredum ville⁴ predictę, quam quidem concessionem dominus Rex nunc ratificauit et confirmauit Ideo breue originale tradatur <10> vicecomiti⁵ Et dictum est eisdem balliuis quod sequantur erga Iusticiarios si etcetera de die eis inde prefigendo etcetera Nos autem tenorem recordi et processus <11> predictorum ad requisicionem burgensium dicte ville Bristollie duximus exemplificandum per presentes In cuius etcetera Teste. Rege apud westmonasterium .xx. die <12> Nouembris.

¹ Text from Patent Roll, 34 Ed. III, p. 3, m. 9 (P.R.O. C66/261, m. 9). It is enrolled in "The Little Red Book of Bristol," f. 35, and appears in Vol. I, p. 97, of Bickley's edition. There is a copy in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 45, certified under date March, 1825, and a translation in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 46. There are slight scribal variations in the different manuscripts.

² quibusdam in "The Little Red Book of Bristol."

³ Ten' in MSS. Bickley expands it as 'tenuris.' See note 4.

⁴ John's Charter of 1188 runs:—quod nullus Burgensis de Bristallo Placitet extra muros uille de vllo Placito. Preter Placita de exterioribus tenementis. que non pertinent ad Hundredum ville. In the charter of 12th January, 4 Edward III, vel placitetur was added for the first time after the word placitet (See page 73, note 3).

⁵ Translated in the plural as sheriffs in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), f. 46b.

20th November, 34 Edward III, [1360].

For the
burgesses
of the town
of Bristol.

¶ The King to all to whom, etc., greeting. We have inspected the tenor of a record and process of a certain assize of novel disseisin lately taken before Roger Hillary and his fellows then our Justices assigned to take the assizes in the County of Gloucester which we caused to come before us in our Chancery, in these words:—Pleas of assizes, juries and certificates at Gloucester before Roger Hillary and Hugh de Aston, Justices of the Lord the King assigned to take all assizes, juries and certificates before whatsoever Justices of the Lord the King in the County aforesaid arraigned on Friday next after the Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle in the 28th year of the reign of King Edward the third after the Conquest of England: Gloucester. The assize comes to recognise if Michael Gode unjustly, etc., disseised Thomas North, Dyer, of his free tenement in the suburb of Bristol after the first, etc. And whereupon he complains that he disseised him of one messuage and three acres of land with the appurtenances. And upon this come the bailiffs of the town of Bristol and say that the Lord John, formerly King of England, progenitor of the Lord now King by his charter granted to the burgesses of the town of Bristol and their heirs and successors that they should not plead nor be impleaded without the walls of the town of Bristol concerning any plea except pleas of exterior tenements which do not pertain to the Hundred of the town aforesaid, which grant, indeed, the Lord now King ratified and confirmed. Therefore let the original writ be delivered to the Sheriff. And the same bailiffs are told that they may proceed against the Justices if, etc., on a day thereupon appointed them, etc. Now we have caused the tenor of the record and process aforesaid at the request of the burgesses of the said town of Bristol to be exemplified by these presents. In [witness] whereof, etc. Witness the King at Westminster on the 20th day of November.

[8th August, 47 Edward III, [1373].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Archiepiscopis Episcopis Abbatibus Prioribus Ducibus Comitibus Baronibus Iusticiariis Vicecomitibus Prepositis Balliis Ministris et omnibus aliis fidelibus suis ; salutem Sciatis² quod cum per cartas tam progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie <2> quas cum clausula licet confirmauimus quam nostras diuerse libertates et quietancie dilectis nobis Burgensibus ville nostre Bristollie et eorum heredibus et successoribus prout in eisdem cartis plenius continetur imperpetuum sint concesse Nos³ ad supplicacionem dilectorum nobis Maioris et Comunitatis ville predictae veraciter asserencium eandem villam partim <3> in Comitatu Gloucestrie et partim in Comitatu Somers[ete] situatam existere. et licet villa predicta a villis de Gloucestria et Yeuelchestre vbi Comitatus assise iurate et inquisitiones coram Iusticiariis et aliis Ministris nostris in Comitatibus predictis capiuntur distet per triginta leucas profundi itineris in tempore maxime yemali et transeuntibus pericu<4>losi Burgenses tamen dicte ville Bristollie ad interessendum Comitatibus tenendis ac capcioni assisarum Iuratarum et inquisitionum predictarum multipliciter districtos fore per quod circa nauigij et mercandisarum suarum exercicium vacare⁴ nonnullis temporibus impediuntur in status sui depressionem ac⁵ eiusdem ville depauperacionem manifestam <5> volentes in melioracionem dicte ville Bristollie necnon consideracione boni gestus dictorum Burgensium erga nos et boni seruicij sui per eorum nauigium et alias nobis temporibus retroactis impensi ac pro sexcentis marcis quas ipsi

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01208). It is written on parchment, measuring 31 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 23 ins. The great seal in green wax is attached to the folded lower edge by red and green silk cords.

The initial E is elaborately illuminated, with the city arms, the royal arms and a full length portrait of the king as chief features of the design. The king stands crowned, clad in armour, covered by a blue cloak, ermine-lined. He holds sceptre and sword. Loop letters and capitals in the first line contain designs in red, black and yellow and five of the capital letters in the body of the deed are drawn in colours, one in red and black, two in blue and red, and two in red and purple.

Except in a very few words, no distinction is made between cc and ct in the script of this charter. In these doubtful instances, ct has been used in the transcription.

The charter is enrolled in Charter Roll, 47 Ed. III, m. 11 (P.R.O. C53/154, m. 11). There is a copy in "The Great White Book of Records" (C.T.'s Department: Customals: 04721), ff. 222b-228b. Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 39-61, and notes in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 76-80. In "The Little Red Book of Bristol" (C.T.'s Department: Customals: 04718), ff. 53b-55, is entered the petition of the town

8th August, 47 Edward III, [1373].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Bailiffs, Ministers and all other his faithful people, greeting. Know ye that whereas by the charters as well of our progenitors, formerly Kings of England, which we have confirmed with licet¹ clauses, as [by] ours, divers liberties and quittances have been granted for ever to our beloved burgesses of our town of Bristol and their heirs and successors, as in the same charters is more fully contained. We, at the supplication of our beloved Mayor and commonalty of the town aforesaid, truly asserting the same town to be situate partly in the County of Gloucester and partly in the County of Somerset; and although the town aforesaid from the towns of Gloucester and Ilchester, where the county-courts, assizes, juries and inquisitions are taken before our Justices and other Ministers in the Counties aforesaid, is distant by thirty leagues of a way deep in winter time especially and perilous to travellers, the burgesses, nevertheless, of the said town of Bristol are on many occasions bound to be present at the holding of the county-courts and at the taking of the assizes, juries and inquisitions aforesaid, by which they are sometimes prevented from paying attention to the management of their shipping and merchandise, to the lowering of their estate and the manifest impoverishment of the same town. Willing for the improvement of the said town of Bristol and also in consideration of the good behaviour of the said burgesses towards us and of their good service given

¹ See pp. 73 and 79 for clauses beginning although they or their antecedents . . .

to Edward III for its erection into a county. This appears in Bickley's edition of the volume on pp. 115-126 of Vol. I, where Norman-French transcript and English translation appear side by side. Facing page 115, is a reproduction of the original charter. A comparison of this petition with the charter it obtained shows certain noticeable and instructive differences.

The charter is inspected for the first time in Letters Patent of 20th Dec., 47 Ed. III (See p. 170).

² In the original *inspeximus* of 20th Dec., the capital S of this word is written in blue and red (See p. 170).

³ Capital N written in black and red.

⁴ *exercicium vacare* written over an erasure in original *inspeximus* of 20th Dec., where a hand has been drawn in the right-hand margin of the line in which the words occur (See pp. 170 and 171, note 4).

⁵ *ac* inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.

nobismet ipsis in Cameram nostram de quibus neminem erga nos onerari volumus soluerunt pro dictorum <6> Burgensium et eorum heredum et successorum comodo et quiete peramplius et vberius prouidere; de gracia nostra speciali ex deliberacione et assensu peritorum de consilio nostro nobis assistencium concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum quod dicta villa Bristollie cum <7> suburbiis suis et procinctu eorundem iuxta fines et bundas prout limitata existunt de dictis comitatibus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] decetero separata sit pariter et in omnibus exempta tam per terram quam per aquam et quod sit Comitatus per se et Comitatus Bristollie nuncupatus imperpetuum et quod dicti Burgenses et eorum heredes et successores imperpetuum habeant infra dictam villam <8> Bristollie et suburbia eiusdem et eorum procinctum per fines et bundas prout limitata existunt libertates et quietancias subscriptas et eis plene gaudeant et vtantur videlicet quod quilibet Maior eiusdem ville Bristollie qui pro tempore fuerit eo ipso et quamcicius Maior ibidem¹ electus extiterit sit¹ Escaetor noster et heredum nostrorum¹ in villa Bristollie suburbiis <9> et procinctu predictis et quod dicti Burgenses et Communitas et eorum heredes et successores imperpetuum habeant vnum vicecomitem in eisdem villa suburbiis et procinctu qui quidem vicecomes in forma subscripta annuatim eligetur et perficietur videlicet dicti Burgenses et Comunitas quolibet anno² de se ipsis eligent tres personas quarum nomina sub sigillo communi dicte <10> ville Bristollie in Cancellariam nostram et heredum nostrorum annuatim mittent imperpetuum et de ipsis tribus nos et heredes nostri vel consilium nostrum aut heredum nostrorum nostro et ipsorum nomine vnum singulis annis imperpetuum³ in vicecomitem dictorum ville Bristollie suburbi-orum et procinctus eligemus et per litteras nostras patentes sub magno⁴ sigillo nostro perficiemus per annum <11> dumtaxat duraturum Ita semper quod ijdem Escaetor et vicecomes de exitibus de officiis illis prouenientibus nobis et heredibus nostris respondeant ad scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum predictorum et quod aliquo tempore futuro quisquam alius Escaetor aut vicecomes in dictis villa suburbiis vel procinctu nisi solummodo de se⁴ ipsis vt premittitur, nequaquam existat <12> et quod ijdem vicecomes et Escaetor Bristollie easdem

¹ ibidem, sit *and* nostrorum *inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.*

² annuo *in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.*

us in times past by their shipping and other things and for six hundred marks which they have paid to us ourselves into our Chamber, of which we will that no one be charged towards us, to provide more amply and abundantly for the said burgesses and their heirs and successors conveniently and quietly, of our special grace, by the deliberation and assent of the learned men of our council assisting us, we have granted and by this our charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever, that the said town of Bristol with its suburbs and the precinct of the same according to the limits and bounds, as they are limited, shall be separated henceforth from the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset equally and in all things exempt, as well by land as by water, and that it shall be a County by itself and [be] called the County of Bristol for ever ; and that the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever shall have within the said town of Bristol and the suburbs of the same and their precinct by the limits and bounds, as they are limited, the liberties and quittances below written and they shall fully enjoy and use them, namely :— That every Mayor of the same town of Bristol for the time being shall thereby and as soon as he has been elected Mayor in the same place, be Eschaetor of us and our heirs in the town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct aforesaid. And that the said burgesses and commonalty and their heirs and successors for ever shall have one Sheriff in the same town, suburbs and precinct, which Sheriff, indeed, shall be elected and made annually in the form underwritten, namely, the said burgesses and commonalty every year shall elect from themselves three persons whose names, under the common seal of the said town of Bristol they shall send annually into the Chancery of us and our heirs, for ever ; and from the three we and our heirs or the council of us and our heirs in our and their name shall elect and by our letters patent under our great seal shall make one every year for ever as Sheriff of the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, to continue for one year only. So always that the same Eschaetor and Sheriff shall answer for the issues arising from those offices to us and our heirs at the Exchequer of us and our heirs aforesaid. And that at any future time there shall by no means be any other Eschaetor or Sheriff in the said town, suburbs or precinct, except only of themselves, as is premised. And that

³ *imperpetuum inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.*

⁴ *magno and se do. do.*

habeant potestatem iurisdictionem et libertatem ac quecumque, alia ad officia vicecomitis et Escaetoris pertinencia in eisdem villa Bristollie suburbiis et procinctu quas ceteri vicecomites et Escaetores alibi habent infra regnum nostrum Anglie et quod idem vicecomes Bristollie Comitatum suum ibidem de Mense <13> in Mensem per diem lune teneat prout alij vicecomites in eodem regno Comitatus suos tenent, et quod dictus Maior Curiam suam ibidem similiter teneat, et proficua inde ad opus Comunitatis eiusdem ville¹ Bristollie perpetuis temporibus percipiat prout antea fieri consuevit, et quod nullus vicecomes Escaetor aut alius Minister Comitatum predictorum villam illam aut <14> suburbia seu procinctum predicta ingrediatur ad aliquod officium excercendum, infra eadem villam suburbia et procinctum, et quod dicti vicecomes et Escaetor Bristollie pro tempore existentes profra sua quolibet anno facere et computare possint coram Thesaurario et Baronibus de scaccario nostro et heredum nostrorum per attornatos ipsorum vicecomitis et Escaetoris ad hoc <15> deputatos per litteras patentes sub sigillo communi eiusdem ville Bristollie signatas de quibuscumque, rebus vnde computabiles fuerint officia vicecomitis et Escaetoris tangentibus et quod attornati predicti ad profra et compota huiusmodi facienda et reddenda per eosdem Thesaurarium et Barones iuxta vim et effectum litterarum predictarum admittantur absque eo quod ijdem <16> vicecomes et Escaetor, seu successores sui, ad veniendum extra dictam villam ad computandum de aliquibus, ad officia sua spectantibus compellantur. Et quod quilibet Maior dicte ville Bristollie qui pro tempore erit statim post electionem suam sacramentum suum coram proximo predecessore suo qui fuerat Maior eiusdem ville viuentis in la Gildehalle, dicte ville Bristollie <17> coram communitate eiusdem ville tam pro officio Maioritatis, quam pro officio Escaetrie faciat absque eo quod ipse Constabulario, Castri nostri dicte ville Bristollie decetero presentetur seu ab eodem acceptetur prout antea fieri consuevit et quod vicecomes eiusdem ville Bristollie cum electus et perfectus fuerit vt premittitur sacramentum suum per breue dedimus potestatem coram <18> Maiore dicte ville Bristollie similiter faciat quod quidem breue sine difficultate aliqua in Cancellaria nostra et heredum nostrorum pro tempore existencium concedi volumus ex hac causa Ita quod ipsi ad sacramenta sua facienda, extra villam predictam alibi coram aliquo alio, vel alio modo

¹ ville inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.

the same Sheriff and Eschaetor of Bristol shall have the same power, jurisdiction and liberty and whatsoever else to the offices of Sheriff and Eschaetor pertaining in the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, which other Sheriffs and Eschaetors elsewhere have within our realm of England. And that the same Sheriff of Bristol shall hold his County-court in the same place from month to month on a Monday as other Sheriffs in the same realm hold their County-courts. And that the said Mayor shall similarly hold his Court in the same place and shall receive the profits thereof for the use of the commonalty of the same town of Bristol for all time as heretofore was accustomed to be done. And that no Sheriff, Eschaetor or other Minister of the Counties aforesaid shall enter that town or the suburbs or precinct aforesaid to exercise any office within the same town, suburbs and precinct. And that the said Sheriff and Eschaetor of Bristol for the time being shall be able to make and account their proffers every year before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer of us and our heirs by the attorneys of the Sheriff and the Eschaetor deputed for this by letters patent signed under the common seal of the same town of Bristol, concerning whatsoever things whereof they were accountable touching the offices of Sheriff and Eschaetor. And that the attorneys aforesaid shall be admitted to make and render such proffers and accounts by the same Treasurer and Barons according to the force and effect of the letters aforesaid, without that the same Sheriff and Eschaetor or their successors shall be compelled to come without the said town to account concerning anything belonging to their offices. And that every Mayor of the said town of Bristol, who for the time shall be, immediately after his election shall make his oath before his last¹ living predecessor, who was Mayor of the same town, in the Guildhall of the said town of Bristol before the commonalty of the same town as well for the office of Mayoralty as for the office of Eschaetor, without that he shall be presented henceforth to the Constable of our Castle of the said town of Bristol or accepted by the same as heretofore was accustomed to be done. And that the Sheriff of the same town of Bristol, when he has been elected and made, as is premised, shall similarly make his oath by writ of Dedimus potestatem² before the Mayor of the said town of Bristol, which writ, indeed, we will to be granted without any difficulty in the Chancery of us

¹ *i.e.* immediate.

² We have given power. . . . *The writ containing these words.*

nullatenus compellantur, .set semper quod de nomine Escaetoris predicti singulis <19> annis ad scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum sub sigillo communi dicte ville Bristollie cercificetur. et quod ijdem Maior et vicecomes Bristollie et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant potestatem ad inquirendum audiendum et terminandum tam per breuia nostra et heredum nostrorum quam¹ per billas et querelas ad sectam nostram et heredum nostrorum et eciam ad sectam partis prout secta parti de iure <20> attribuitur de omnimodis maleficiis transgressionibus¹ perturbationibus contra pacem cambipertiis conspiracionibus confederacionibus ambidextris extorsionibus, oppressionibus falsitatibus et aliis mesprisionibus quibuscumque factis seu faciendis infra villam surburbia et procinctum predicta ac, de vitelariis, operatoribus, laboratoribus, et artificibus infra eadem villam suburbia <21> et procinctum quociens viderint faciendum et ad huiusmodi transgressores per fines et amerciamenta ac imprisonment corporum suorum puniendos et ad debitas execuciones iudiciorum per eos super hiis redditorem faciendas Saluis semper nobis et heredibus nostris dictis finibus et amerciamentis et aliis ad nos inde spectantibus. de quibus quidem finibus, amerciamentis et aliis sic ad, <22> nos inde spectantibus extracte per dictos Maiorem et vicecomitem sub sigillis suis quolibet anno, in Crastino sancti Michaelis ad Scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrum liberentur Et² similiter quod ijdem Maior et vicecomes Bristollie et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant potestatem inquirendi de quibuscumque, feloniis in dictis villa Bristollie surburbiis et procinctu factis et faciendis, et arestandi <23> infra eadem villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum omnes illos qui per inquisitiones in hac parte faciendas iudicati fuerint et eos Gaole siue prisone nostre et heredum nostrorum eiusdem ville Bristollie mancipandi in eadem Gaola siue prisona moraturos donec, per Iusticiarios nostros et heredum nostrorum ad gaolam dicte ville Bristollie, deliberandam assignatos, et assignandos quorum Iusticiariorum <24> Maior dicte ville Bristollie pro tempore existens sit vnus secundum legem et consuetudinem dicti regni nostri Anglie in Curia nostra et heredum nostrorum eiusdem ville Bristollie³ et non alibi deliberentur, et eciam replegiabiles replegiandi. et quod dicti Burgenses et eorum heredes et successores imperpetuum habeant custodiam dicte Gaole

¹ quam per . . . transgressionibus *written over an erasure in original inspeximus, 20th Dec. (See p. 170).*

² Capital E *written in blue and red in original inspeximus of 20th Dec. (See p. 170).*

and our heirs for the time being, for this cause:—So that they shall in no wise be compelled to make their oaths anywhere without the town aforesaid before any other or in any manner but always that there shall be certification of the name of the Eschaetor aforesaid each year at the Exchequer of us and our heirs under the common seal of the said town of Bristol. And that the same Mayor and Sheriff of Bristol and their successors for ever shall have power to enquire, hear and determine as well by writs of us and our heirs as by bills and complaints at the suit of us and our heirs and also at the suit of the party as suit is attributed to the party by law concerning all manner of evil-doings, transgressions, disturbances against the peace, champerties, conspiracies, confederations, ambidextries, extortions, oppressions, falsifications and other misprisions whatsoever done or to be done within the town, suburbs and precinct aforesaid and concerning victuallers, workers, labourers and artificers within the same town, suburbs and precinct, as often as they shall see it right to be done, and to punish such transgressors by fines and amercements and imprisonments of their bodies and to make due execution of judgments given by them hereupon. Saving always to us and our heirs the said fines and amercements and other things belonging to us thereupon. Of which fines, indeed, amercements and other things so to us thereupon belonging, estreats shall be delivered by the said Mayor and Sheriff under their seals every year on the Morrow of Saint Michael at the Exchequer of us and our heirs. And, similarly, that the same Mayor and Sheriff of Bristol and their successors for ever shall have power to inquire concerning whatsoever felonies in the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, done or to be done; and of arresting within the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, all those who by inquisitions made in this behalf have been indicted and to commit them to the gaol or prison of us and our heirs of the same town of Bristol to remain in the same gaol or prison until they shall be delivered by the Justices of us and our heirs assigned and to be assigned for delivering the gaol of the said town of Bristol, of which Justices, the Mayor of the said town of Bristol for the time being shall be one, according to the law and custom of our said realm of England in the Court of us and our heirs of the same

³ Bristollie omitted from Charter Roll, 8th Aug., and Patent Roll, 20th Dec., and from original inspeximus of latter date (*Ibid.*)

siue prisone. et similiter quod habeant Infangthef¹ et <25> outfangthef¹ et quod Maior et vicecomes eiusdem ville Bristollie pro tempore existentes iudicium et execucionem inde faciant Et si aliqui capti fuerint pro quacumque feloniam cum manu opere facta infra villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum predicta et secta versus eos recenter facta fuerit pro eisdem feloniam extunc dicti prisones coram dictis Maiore et vicecomite eiusdem ville <26> Bristollie deliberentur secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri predicti Et quod vicecomes ac Coronatores dicte ville Bristollie pro tempore existentes imperpetuum habeant potestatem recipiendi appella de morte hominis necnon de quibuscumque aliis feloniam infra dicta² villam Bristollie suburbia et³ procinctum perpetratis et perpetrandis et appellatos huiusmodi <27> arestandi eosque Gaole siue prisone predicte mancipandi in eadem moraturos donec per Iusticiarios nostros et heredum nostrorum ad gaolam dicte ville Bristollie, deliberandam assignatos et assignandos, quorum Iusticiariorum Maior dicte ville Bristollie pro tempore existens sit vnus vt premittitur secundum legem et consuetudinem dicti regni nostri in Curia nostra et heredum nostrorum eiusdem <28> ville Bristollie et non alibi deliberentur Saluo semper quod capti et imprisonati in casibus⁴ de Infangthef⁵ et pro feloniam cum manu opere vbi recens secta⁶ facta fuerit coram dictis Maiore et vicecomite ville Bristollie, deliberentur sicut predictum est Et⁷ eciam concessimus et confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris prefatis Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et succes<29>oribus imperpetuum quod nullus Burgensis dictorum ville Bristollie, suburbiorum et procinctus aut alia persona quecumque de aliquibus tenuris suis in eisdem villa Bristollie, suburbiis et procinctu existentibus nec de alia re quacumque ibidem facta vel facienda implacitet vel implacitetur coram aliquo iudice extra eandem villam Bristollie, nec de aliquibus <30> contrattibus compotis debitis conuencionibus transgressionibus aut alio facto quocumque, per forinsecos seu alios quam per Comburgenses suos dictorum ville Bristollie suburbiorum et procinctus, coniuncatur, Set quod Maior et⁸ vicecomes dicte ville

¹ Infangthef and outfangthef underlined in a different ink in original inspeximus of 20th Dec. (Ibid.).

² One letter—probably m—has been erased after dicta in original inspeximus of 20th Dec. (Ibid.).

³ et omitted from Charter Roll, 8th Aug., and inserted above the line in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁴ in casibus inserted above the line in Patent Roll, 20th Dec. (See p. 170).

⁵ Infangthef underlined in a different ink in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.

town of Bristol and not elsewhere ; and also to replevy things replevisable. And that the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever shall have the keeping of the said gaol or prison. And, similarly, that they shall have Infangthef and Outfangthef. And that the Mayor and Sheriff of the same town of Bristol for the time being shall do judgement and execution thereupon. And if anyone shall be taken for whatsoever felony with the mainour¹ done within the town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct aforesaid and suit against them shall be newly made for the same felonies from that time the said prisoners shall be delivered before the said Mayor and Sheriff of the same town of Bristol according to the law and custom of our realm aforesaid. And that the Sheriff and Coroners of the said town of Bristol for the time being for ever shall have the power of receiving appeals² of the death of a man and also of whatsoever other felonies perpetrated and to be perpetrated within the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct ; and to arrest such appealed persons and commit them to the gaol or prison aforesaid to remain in the same until they shall be delivered by the Justices of us and our heirs assigned and to be assigned for delivering the gaol of the said town of Bristol, of which Justices, the Mayor of the said town of Bristol for the time being shall be one, as is premised, according to the law and custom of our said realm in the Court of us and our heirs of the same town of Bristol and not elsewhere. Saving always that those taken and imprisoned in cases of Infangthef and for felonies with the mainour, where fresh suit has been made before the said Mayor and Sheriff of the town of Bristol, shall be delivered as is aforesaid. And also we have granted and confirmed for us and our heirs to the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever that no burgess of the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, or other person whatsoever concerning any of his tenures being in the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, nor concerning any other thing whatsoever done or to be done in the same place, shall implead or be impleaded before any judge without the same

¹ *Stolen goods found upon the thief.*

² *Lawful declaration of another's crime.*

⁶ *The -e- of secta written over an erasure, ibid.*

⁷ *Capital E written in blue and red in original and in gold and purple in inspeximus of 20th Dec. (See p. 170).*

⁸ *et inserted above the line in original inspeximus, 20th Dec. (Ibid.).*

Bristollie qui pro tempore fuerint habeant cogniciones omni placitorum necnon assisarum noue disseisine. Mortis Antecessoris ac cercificacionum <31> arrainiatarum et arrainiandarum de quibuscumque terris tenementis redditibus et Tenuris infra dicta¹ villam Bristollie, suburbia et procinctum existentibus, et eciam quorumcumque transgressionum conuencionum debitorum compotorum contractuum et querelarum necnon cuiuslibet rei infra dicta villam Bristollie, suburbia et procinctum qualitercumque factorum siue emergencium quascumque <32> personas tangencium coram dictis Maiore et vicecomite Bristollie infra predictam villam Bristollie in la Gildhalle² eiusdem ville tenendas et habendas et in forma iuris terminandas debiteque, execucioni per eosdem Maiorem et vicecomitem demandande et inde fieri faciente, cuiuscumque, status pars petens seu conquerens tenens vel defendens existat que <33> quidem cognicio ad petitionem dictorum Maioris et vicecomitis vel attornatorum eorundem coram quibuscumque, Iusticiariis nostris vel heredum nostrorum de vno Banco siue de alio vel quibuscumque, aliis Iusticiariis nostris seu alibi in quibuscumque, Curiis nostris aut heredum nostrorum siue per breuia seu sine breuibz nostris aut eorundem nostrorum heredum huiusmodi³ placita <34> aliquialiter moueri contigerit dictis Maiori et vicecomiti Bristollie nomine ipsorum ac Burgen-sium predictorum per eosdem Iusticiarios et alios Ministros nostros et heredum nostrorum Curiarum predictarum per inspectionem carte nostre, super presentibus concessionibus nostris confecte allocetur et concedatur, sine aliquo breui nostro vel heredum nostrorum aut alio waranto siue mandato dictis Iusticiariis aut Mi<35>nistris directo inde habendo modo quo premittitur, per predictos Maiorem et vicecomitem tenenda, habenda et terminanda, debiteque execucioni demandande et inde fieri faciente Saluo semper quod placita que in Curia nostra in dicta villa Bristollie vocata Tolseld' coram Senescallo et aliis Ministris nostris ibidem teneri consueuant in eadem Curia coram Senescallo <36> et aliis Ministris nostris et heredum nostrorum ibidem decetero teneantur nobisque et heredibus nostris de proficuis inde prouenientibus, per Ministros ipsos aut alios, qui eadem proficua nostro et heredum nostrorum nomine percipient prout iustum fuerit et antea fieri consueuit respondeatur Ita quod Iusticiarii nostri et heredum nostrorum ad assisas iuratas et

¹ One letter has been erased in Charter Roll, 8th Aug., which looks as if dictam were first written and altered by erasure to dicta

² Gildehalle in original inspeximus and Patent Roll, 20th Dec. (See p. 170).

town of Bristol, nor shall he be convicted concerning any contracts, accounts, debts, covenants, transgressions or other deed whatsoever, by foreigners or others than by his fellow burgesses of the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct. But that the Mayor and Sheriff of the said town of Bristol, who for the time shall be, shall have cognizance of all pleas and also¹ assizes of novel disseisin, mort d'auncestre and certificates of persons arraigned and to be arraigned, concerning whatsoever lands, tenements, rents and tenures being within the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, and also of whatsoever transgressions, covenants, debts, accounts, contracts and complaints and also of everything within the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, howsoever done or arising, touching whatsoever persons, before the said Mayor and Sheriff of Bristol, within the aforesaid town of Bristol in the Guildhall of the same town to be held and had and in form of law determined and to be demanded by the same Mayor and Sheriff for due execution, and thereupon to be caused to be done, of whatsoever estate the party petitioning or complaining, holding or defending shall be, which cognizance, indeed, at the petition of the said Mayor and Sheriff or the attorneys of the same, before whatsoever Justices of us or our heirs of one Bench or of another or whatsoever other our Justices or elsewhere in whatsoever Courts of us or our heirs, whether by writs or without writs of us or our same heirs, such pleas shall in any way happen to be moved, shall be allowed and granted to the said Mayor and Sheriff of Bristol in the name of themselves and the burgesses aforesaid by the same Justices and other Ministers of us and our heirs of the Courts aforesaid by inspection of our charter made upon our present grants, without any writ of us or our heirs or other warrant or mandate directed to the said Justices or Ministers had thereupon in the manner which is premised, by the aforesaid Mayor and Sheriff to be held, had and determined, and for due execution to be demanded and caused to be done thereupon. Saving always that pleas which were accustomed to be held in our Court in the said town of Bristol called the Tolzey before our Steward and other Ministers in the same place, shall be held in the same Court before the Steward and other Ministers of us and our heirs in the same place henceforth, and answer

¹ Or in like manner.

³ *huius in Charter Roll, 8th Aug., and in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.*

cercificaciones aut alias inquisiciones in dictis Comitatibus Gloucestrie <37> et Somers[ete] capiendas assignati seu Iusticiarii nostri aut¹ heredum nostrorum de vno Banco siue de alio aut Iusticiarii nostri vel heredum nostrorum ad audiendum et terminandum seu ad pacem nostram conseruandam² aut alias quascumque inquisiciones capiendas seu faciendas aut vicecomites et Escaetores dictorum Comitatum Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] seu³ alius Iusticiarius aut Minister noster vel heredum nostrorum quicumque de aliquibus <38> tenuris infra dicta⁴ villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum existentibus seu de contractibus conuencionibus compotis debitis transgressionibus, placitis querelis, aut alia re quacumque, facta vel facienda emergente seu emergenda infra villam suburbia et procinctum predicta Casibus vbi error interuenerit Iusticiariis nostris et heredum nostrorum itinerantibus et Iusticiariis ad Goalam⁵ dicte ville Bristollie deli<39>berandam modo quo supradictum est assignatis necnon inquisicionibus et terminacionibus custumarum et⁶ subsidiorum lanarum, coriorum, pellium lanutarum, et aliarum custumarum, et subsidiorum nostrorum et heredum nostrorum⁷ ad Cokettum vel alias ad nos et heredes nostros ex concessione fidelium et subditorum nostrorum pertinencium ac hiis que ad dictam Curiam del Tolseld⁷ pertinent dumtaxat exceptis <40> cognicionem seu iurisdiccione[m] non habeant nec assignentur in eisdem villa Bristollie suburbiis et procinctu nec se in aliquo intromittant cuiuscumque status vel condicionis partes petentes seu tenentes querentes seu⁸ defendentes fuerint, Set quod deinceps Maior et vicecomes dicte ville Bristollie qui pro tempore fuerint, imperpetuum habeant potestatem et iurisdiccione[m] au<41>diendi et terminandi omnia predicta placita et querelas in forma supradicta Casibus vbi error interuenerit Iusticiariis nostris et heredum nostrorum itinerantibus, et Iusticiariis ad Gaolam dicte ville Bristollie deliberandam vt predictur assignatis, necnon inquisicionibus et terminacionibus custumarum, et subsidiorum, lanarum coriorum pellium lanutarum et aliorum custumarum et subsidiorum nostrorum,⁹ et, <42> heredum nostrorum ad Cokettum vel alias ad nos et heredes nostros ex concessione fidelium et subditorum nostrorum

¹ aut written over an erasure in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

² conseruanadam in *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug.

³ aut in *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

⁴ In the *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug., one letter has been erased which looks as if dictam were first written and altered by erasure to dicta

⁵ gaolam in *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug., and Gaolam in original *inspeximus* and *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec. (See p. 170).

shall be made to us and our heirs of the profits arising thereof, by the Ministers or others who shall receive the same profits in the name of us and our heirs as was right and was heretofore accustomed to be done. So that the Justices of us and our heirs assigned to take assizes, juries and certificates or other inquisitions in the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset, or the Justices of us or our heirs of one Bench or of another, or the Justices of us or our heirs of oyer and terminer or for keeping our peace or for taking or making other inquisitions whatsoever, or the Sheriffs and Escheators of the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset, or any other Justice or Minister of us or our heirs whatsoever shall not have cognizance or jurisdiction concerning any tenures being within the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, or concerning contracts, covenants, accounts, debts, transgressions, pleas, complaints or any other thing whatsoever done or to be done, arising or to arise within the town, suburbs and precinct aforesaid, cases where error has intervened to the Justices itinerant of us and our heirs and the Justices assigned for delivering the gaol of the said town of Bristol in the manner which is abovesaid, and also inquisitions and determinations of the customs and subsidies of wools, hides, woolfells and of other customs and subsidies of us and our heirs, by Cocket or otherwise, to us and our heirs pertaining by grant of our faithful people and subjects, and those which pertain to the said Court of the Tolzey only excepted; nor shall they be assigned in the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct; nor shall they intermeddle in anything of whatsoever estate or condition the parties petitioning or holding, complaining or defending shall be. But that hereafter the Mayor and Sheriff of the said town of Bristol, who for the time shall be, forever shall have power and jurisdiction to hear and determine all the aforesaid pleas and complaints in the form abovesaid. Cases where error intervenes to the Justices itinerant of us and our heirs and the Justices assigned for delivering the gaol of the said town of Bristol as is aforesaid, and also inquisitions and determinations of the customs and subsidies of wools, hides,

⁶ et written over an erasure in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

⁷ et heredum nostrorum inserted above the line in *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

⁸ vel instead of seu in *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug., and *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec., and in original *inspeximus* of latter date.

⁹ nostrorum written over an erasure in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

pertinencium ac hiis que ad dictam Curiam del Tolseld', pertinent vt predicatur dumtaxat exceptis Et¹ insuper concessimus, et confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Burgensibus, et eorum heredibus, et successoribus imperpetuum quod dictus Maior ville Bristollie pro tempore <43> existens habeat potestatem recipiendi et recordandi recogniciones cartarum et aliorum scriptorum quorumcumque terras tenementas redditus, et alias tenuras infra eadem villam, suburbia et procinctum tangencium factas per quascumque personas (mulieribus maritatis exceptis) in plena Curia in la Gildhalle eiusdem ville, Ita quod huiusmodi carte et scripta debite recognita et in rotulis de <44> la Gildhalle eiusdem ville Bristollie irrotulata extunc sint de recordo erga personas quascumque, sicut et² carte et³ scripta recognita et irrotulata in Cancellaria nostra vel in aliis Curiis nostris. et quod cum quecumque, breuia originalia siue de conuencione siue alia inter aliquas partes de quibuscumque terris tenementis redditibus et aliis tenuris infra eadem villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum existentibus, ad finem <45> inde leuandum imposterum in Cancellaria nostra vel heredum nostrorum impetrata fuerint Maior et vicecomes eiusdem ville Bristollie pro tempore existentes cognicionem inde habeant ac coram eis, in plena Curia in la Gildhalle dicte ville Bristollie, finis inde vigore cuiuslibet breuis huiusmodi pro summa pecunie rationabili per partes illas prout moris est, pro licencia concordandi ad opus nostrum et heredum nostrorum sol<46>uenda debito iuris ordine seruato leuetur et inde ibidem sicut et in Curia nostra de finibus in eadem leuatis executio plena fiat Ita quod dicti Maior et vicecomes extractas suas in hac parte quolibet anno in Crastino sancti Michaelis sub sigillis suis ad scaccarium nostrum et heredum nostrorum per attornatos suos liberari faciant Et⁴ quod ijdem Maior et vicecomes et successores sui imperpetuum habeant potestatem recipiendi probaciones testamentorum de terris tenementis <47> redditibus et tenuris infra dicta villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum legatis infra biennium post mortem testatoris Ita quod huiusmodi testamenta et⁵ legata proclamata in plena Curia de la Gildhalle dicte ville Bristollie et in rotulis eiusdem Curie irrotulata post huiusmodi proclamacionem et irrotulamentum⁶ sint de

¹ Capital E written in red and purple in original, 8th Aug., and in blue and red in inspeximus, 20th Dec.

² et omitted from Patent Roll, 20th Dec. (See p. 170).

³ et inserted above the line in original inspeximus, 20th Dec. (Ibid.).

woolfells and of other customs and subsidies of us and our heirs, by Cocket or otherwise, to us and our heirs pertaining by grant of our faithful people and subjects, and those which pertain to the said Court of the Tolzey as is aforesaid, only excepted. And, furthermore, we have granted and confirmed for us and our heirs to the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever, that the said Mayor of the town of Bristol, for the time being, shall have power to receive and record recognizances of charters and other writings whatsoever touching lands and tenements, rents and other tenures within the same town, suburbs and precinct, made by whatsoever persons (married women excepted) in full Court in the Guildhall of the same town. So that such charters and writings, duly recognized and enrolled in the rolls of the Guildhall of the same town of Bristol, shall be from that time of record towards [all] persons whatsoever, as both charters and writings recognized and enrolled in our Chancery or in other our Courts. And that when whatsoever original writs whether of covenant or others, between any parties concerning whatsoever lands, tenements, rents and other tenures being within the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, for levying a fine thereupon hereafter shall be obtained in the Chancery of us and our heirs, the Mayor and Sheriff of the same town of Bristol, for the time being, shall have cognizance thereof, and before them in full Court in the Guildhall of the said town of Bristol, a fine thereupon shall be levied by force of whatsoever such writ for a reasonable sum of money to be paid by those parties, as the usage is, for licence to accord to the use of us and our heirs, due course of law being observed. And thereupon, in the same place, as in our Court concerning fines levied in the same, there shall be full execution. So that the said Mayor and Sheriff shall cause their estreats to be delivered on this behalf, every year on the Morrow of Saint Michael under their seals at the Exchequer of us and our heirs by their attorneys. And that the same Mayor and Sheriff and their successors for ever shall have power to receive probates of wills of lands, tenements, rents and tenures within the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, bequeathed within two years after the death of the testator. So

⁴ Et inserted above the line in *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug.; suos liberari faciant written over an erasure in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

⁵ et written over an erasure in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec. In the same document another erasure follows legata

⁶ irrotulacionem in *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug., and *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

recordo et habeant extunc ijdem Maior et vicecomes et successores sui, potestatem, <48> ponendi legata predicta in execucionem per Ministros suos in forma iuris vel per debitum processum coram ipsis faciendum per breue Ex graui querela ad prosecucionem et eleccionem cuiuscumque prosequi¹ volentis Et² eciam concessimus et confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictis Burgensibus et eorum heredibus, et successoribus imperpetuum quod omnia breuia nostra et heredum nostrorum tam originalia quam iudicialia et alia precepta et mandata <49> tam nos et heredes nostros quam alios quoscumque tangencia que a Cancellaria scaccario et Banco nostris et heredum nostrorum necnon a communi Banco³ et aliis Curiis nostris et heredum nostrorum aut sub¹ sigillis Iusticiariorum nostrorum et heredum nostrorum itinerancium Iusticiariorum ad audiendum et Terminandum, vel aliorum Iusticiariorum nostrorum aut heredum nostrorum quorumcumque decetero emanare contigerit, quicumque terras tenementa redditus tenuras possessiones bona et catalla <50> in dictis villa Bristollie suburbiis et procinctu existencia ac contractus conuenciones compota debita transgressionem, aut alias res quascumque infra eadem villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum facta vel facienda emergencia seu emergenda, concernencia, que quidem breuia precepta et mandata si supradicta separacio dicte ville Bristollie, cum suburbiis suis, et eorum procinctu a predictis Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] <51> facta seu presentes libertates prefatis Burgensibus per nos in forma predicta concesse non fuissent vicecomitibus Escaetoribus et⁴ Coronatoribus dictorum Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] coniunctim vel diuisim dirigi debuissent prefatis vicecomiti Escaetori et Coronatoribus Bristollie pro tempore existentibus coniunctim vel diuisim prout conuenit et non aliis decetero, perpetuis temporibus dirigantur, iuxta naturam breuium preceptorum <52> et mandatorum eorundem per eosdem vicecomitem Escaetorem et Coronatores Bristollie debite prout ad officia vicecomitis Escaetoris et Coronatorum⁵ pertinet exequenda Et⁶ insuper concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris prefatis Burgensibus et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum quod dicta villa Bristollie aliquatenus non oneretur ad mittendum ad parlamenta nostra vel heredum nostrorum nisi

¹ prosequi and sub inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.

² Capital E written in blue and red in original MS. and in *inspeximus*, 20th Dec. In the latter the blue is almost obliterated by damp.

³ Banco written over an erasure in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

that such wills and bequests, proclaimed in full Court of the Guildhall of the said town of Bristol and enrolled in the rolls of the same Court, after such proclamation and enrolment, shall be of record and from that time the same Mayor and Sheriff and their successors shall have power to put the bequests aforesaid into execution by their ministers in form of law or by due process made before them by writ *ex gravi querela* at the prosecution and election of whomsoever wills to prosecute. And, also, we have granted and confirmed for us and our heirs to the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever that all writs of us and our heirs, as well original as judicial, and other precepts and, mandates touching as well us and our heirs as others whatsoever, which shall happen henceforth to issue from the Chancery, Exchequer and Bench of us and our heirs and also from Common Bench and other Courts of us and our heirs, or under the seals of the Justices itinerant of us and our heirs, the Justices of oyer and terminer or other Justices of us and our heirs whatsoever, concerning whatsoever lands, tenements, rents, tenures, possessions, goods and chattels, being in the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, and contracts, covenants, accounts, debts, transgressions or other things whatsoever within the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, done or to be done, arising or to arise; which writs, indeed, precepts and mandates, if the above said separation of the said town of Bristol, with its suburbs and their precinct, from the aforesaid Counties of Gloucester and Somerset had not been made, or the present liberties to the aforesaid burgesses by us in the form aforesaid, had not been granted, ought to have been directed to the Sheriffs, Eschaetors and Coroners of the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset conjointly or separately, shall be directed to the aforesaid Sheriff, Eschaetor and Coroners of Bristol, for the time being, conjointly or separately as is convenient, and not otherwise, henceforth for all time, according to the nature of the writs, precepts and mandates of the same by the same Sheriff, Eschaetor and Coroners of Bristol to be duly executed as pertains to the offices of Sheriff, Eschaetor and Coroners. And, furthermore, we have granted for us and our heirs to the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever that the said

⁴ et inserted above the line in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

⁵ Escaetoris et Coronatorum written over an erasure, *ibid*.

⁶ Capital E written in red and purple in original MS. and in gold, now worn away by damp, in *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

duos homines dumtaxat prout antea fieri consu⁵³euit qui quidem duo homines tam vt Milites Comitatus Bristollie quam vt Burgenses¹ ville et Burgi Bristollie pro eisdem Comitatu villa et Burgo in parliamentis illis respondere teneantur et quod si in aliquibus custumis siue consuetudinibus, aut ordinacionibus in dictis villa Bristollie suburbiis et procinctu habitis et vsitatis aut de nouo emergentibus difficultates vel defectus fuerint in quibus remedium nondum est ⁵⁴ appositum ijdem Maior et vicecomes et eorum successores de assensu Communitatis ville Bristollie suburbiorum et procinctus predictorum eligere poterunt successiue de tempore in tempus quadraginta homines de melioribus et probioribus hominibus ville suburbiorum et procinctus eorundem qui quidem Maior² vicecomes et quadraginta homines pro tempore existentes de communi assensu suo potestatem habeant ordinandi, et³ stabiliendi competens ⁵⁵ remedium in casibus ante dictis quod consonum fuerit rationi⁴ et vtile pro communitate predicta et aliis confluentibus ad villam Bristollie predictam et quod dicti Maior vicecomes et quadraginta homines et successores sui pro necessitatibus et proficuis dicta villam Bristollie suburbia et procinctum tangentibus de communi assensu suo super bonis omnium hominum ville Bristollie suburbiorum et procinctus predictorum de quolibet iuxta statum suum ⁵⁶ tam super redditibus suis quam pro mesteris et mercandis suis et aliter prout melius faciendum viderint tallagia assidere poterunt et ea leuare absque impetitione nostri vel heredum nostrorum Iusticiariorum aut aliorum Ministrorum nostrorum et heredum nostrorum quorumcumque Ita quod denarij inde prouenientes remaneant in custodia duorum proborum hominum eorundem ville Bristollie suburbiorum et procinctus de communi assensu ⁵⁷ ad hoc eligendorum et pro necessitatibus et proficuis dictorum ville Bristollie suburbiorum et procinctus cum opus fuerit extra custodiam dictorum duorum hominum expendantur qui quidem duo homines computabiles inde erunt coram Maiore Bristollie pro tempore existente et aliis ad hoc deputandis per Communitatem dicte ville Bristollie, et si quis de dictis villa Bristollie, surburbiis seu procinctu imposterum rebellis et inobe⁵⁸diens fuerit et se concordare noluerit ordinacionibus dictorum Maioris et vicecomitis ac quadraginta hominum predictorum qui pro tempore erunt et eciam si aliqui ductores societatum, procuratores

¹ vt Milites . . . Burgenses *underlined in a different ink in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.*

² Maior et *in original inspeximus and Patent Roll, 20th Dec.*

town of Bristol to a certain degree should not be burdened to send to the Parliaments of us and our heirs except two men only as was hitherto accustomed to be done, which two men, indeed, as well as Knights of the County of Bristol as as burgesses of the town and Borough of Bristol, shall be held to answer for the same County, Town and Borough in those Parliaments. And that if in any customs or ordinances had and used or newly arising in the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, there shall be difficulties or defects, to which a remedy is not as yet applied, the same Mayor and Sheriff and their successors by assent of the commonalty of the town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct aforesaid, shall be able to elect successively from time to time, forty men of the better and more worthy men of the town, suburbs and precinct of the same, which Mayor, indeed, Sheriff and forty men, for the time being, by their common assent shall have power to ordain and establish a competent remedy in the cases beforesaid that shall be consonant to reason and useful for the commonalty aforesaid and others resorting to the town of Bristol aforesaid. And that the said Mayor, Sheriff and forty men and their successors for the necessities and profits touching the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, by their common assent upon the goods of all the men of the town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct aforesaid, of everyone according to his estate as well upon his rents as for his mysteries and merchandise and otherwise, as they shall see best to be done, shall be able to assess tallages and to levy them without impeachment of us or our heirs, Justices or other Ministers of us and our heirs whatsoever. So that the monies thereof arising shall remain in the keeping of two worthy men of the same town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, elected on this behalf by common assent, and shall be expended out of the keeping of the said two men for the necessities and profits of the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, when need shall be; which two men, indeed, shall be accountable thereof before the Mayor of Bristol, for the time being, and others deputed for this by the commonalty of the said town of Bristol. And if anyone of the said town of Bristol, the suburbs or precinct, shall be hereafter rebellious and disobedient and unwilling to conform to the ordinances of the said Mayor and Sheriff and forty men aforesaid, who for the time

³ *et inserted above the line in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.*

⁴ *racioni inserted above the line in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.*

abettatores aut Manutentores fuerint ad ducendum huiusmodi¹ societates ad debata et impedimenta facienda vnde discordia inter Communitatem dicte ville Bristollie et dictos Maiorem vicecomitem et alios Ministros <59> qui pacem nostram et heredum nostrorum et regimen eiusdem ville custodiendum habuerint seu ad² faciendum debata et discordiam super eleccione Maioris vicecomitis aut alterius Ministri dictorum ville suburbiorum et procinctus seu ad implendum aliquas ordinaciones que de communi assensu, vt premittitur, et pro proficuo et necessitate dictorum ville Bristollie suburbiorum et procinctus, stabilite sunt et ordinate seu ordi<60>nande statim per Maiorem et vicecomitem dicte ville Bristollie³ pro tempore existentes iuxta quantitatem et qualitatem delicti secundum legem et consuetudinem dicti regni nostri Anglie modo debito castigentur, Et⁴ eciam concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris Burgensibus antedictis quod preter libertates et quietancias predictas per nos eisdem Burgensibus iam vt premittitur concessas ac non obstantibus, dictis conces<61>sionibus nostris seu aliquibus in eisdem contentis dicti Burgenses et eorum heredes et successores imperpetuum habeant omnes alias libertates et quietancias eis tam per progenitores nostros quam nos prius concessas necnon omnes alias consuetudines suas ac omnia proficua inde proueniencia et eis plene gaudeant et vtantur prout ipsi et eorum⁵ predecessores, semper⁶ hactenus <62> a tempore quo eedem alie⁶ libertates et quietancie eisdem Burgensibus per dictos Progenitores nostros vel nos sic concesse fuerant seu alias a tempore cuius contrarij memoria non existit, dictas alias libertates quietancias et consuetudines vnacum proficuis inde prouenientibus habere eisq[ue] vti et gaudere consueuerunt sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum <63> Iusticiariorum Escaetorum vicecomitum aut aliorum Balliuorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum aut heredum nostrorum quorumcumque Quare⁷ volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et⁸ heredibus nostris quod predicti Burgenses et eorum heredes et succesores habeant omnes et singulas libertates et quietancias supradictas et eis et earum qualibet plene gaudeant, et vtantur imperpetuum in forma supradicta Hiis⁹ <64> testibus venerabilibus

¹ huius in *Charter Roll*, 8th Aug., and *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

² ad inserted above the line in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.

³ Bristollie inserted above the line in original MS.

⁴ Capital E written in red and purple in original MS. and in gold and purple in inspeximus, 20th Dec.

⁵ eorum inserted above the line in *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

shall be, and also if any shall be leaders of fellowships, procurators, abettors or maintainers to lead such fellowships to make debates and impediments from whence discords should arise between the commonalty of the said town of Bristol and the said Mayor, Sheriff and other Ministers who have the keeping of the peace of us and our heirs and the rule of the same town; or to make debates and discord upon the election of the Mayor, Sheriff or other Minister of the said town, suburbs and precinct; or to discharge any ordinances which by common assent, as is premised, and for the profit and necessity of the said town of Bristol, the suburbs and precinct, are established and ordained or shall be ordained, they shall be immediately chastised¹ in due manner by the Mayor and Sheriff of the said town of Bristol, for the time being, according to the quantity and quality of the offence, according to the law and custom of our said realm of England. And also we have granted for us and our heirs to our burgesses before said that besides the liberties and quittances aforesaid already granted by us to the same burgesses, as is premised, and notwithstanding our said grants or any things in the same contained, the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever shall have all other liberties and quittances to them formerly granted as well by our progenitors as by us, and also all other their customs and all profits thereupon arising, and they shall fully enjoy and use them as they and their predecessors always hitherto, from the time at which the same other liberties and quittances were so granted to the same burgesses by our said progenitors or by us, or otherwise from the time of which there is no memory to the contrary, have been accustomed to have the said other liberties, quittances and customs together with the profits thereupon arising and to use and enjoy them without let or impediment of us or our heirs, Justices, Eschaetors, Sheriffs or other Bailiffs or Ministers of us or our heirs whatsoever. Wherefore we will and firmly command for us and our heirs that the aforesaid burgesses and their heirs and successors shall have all and singular the liberties and quittances abovesaid and shall fully enjoy and use them and each of them for ever in the form

¹ *In the old sense of punished.*

⁶ *semper and alie inserted above the line in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.*

⁷ *Capital Q written in blue and red in original MS., and in a colour obliterated by damp and red in inspeximus, 20th Dec.*

⁸ *et written twice in Charter Roll, 8th Aug.*

⁹ *Capital H written in blue and red in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.*

patribus willelmo Archiepiscopo Cantuar[iensi] tocius Anglie
 Primate, willelmo wynton[iensi] Iohanne Bathon[iensi] et
 wellen[si] willelmo wygornien[si] Episcopis Edmundo Cantebrigg
 Edmundo Marchie Comitibus Iohanne Knyuet, Cancellario
 Ricardo Lestrop' Thesaurario willelmo Latymer Camerariis
 nostris et aliis Data¹ per manum nostram apud wodestok' octauo
 <65> die Augusti Anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo
 regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo quarto duppl[icate]
 Faryngton'

[*On the outside of the fold at the lower edge*] ex[amine] per
 Robertum de Faryngton' clericum

[*Endorsed in the same hand*] Ista carta allocatur. et irrotulatur.
 in communi. Banco. coram. willelmo de Fyncheden' et
 sociis suis Iusticiariis. domini Regis. <2> de eodem Banco
 termino sancti Michaelis Anno regni Anglie Regis Edwardi
 tertij a. conquestu. quadragesimo <3> septimo. rotulo.
 CClxxxvj.

[*Endorsed in a contemporary hand*] Carta Domini Edwardi tertij.
 concessa burgensibus B[ristollie] quod villa <2> Bristollie
 sit Comitatus per se cum Diuersis aliis libertatibus.

[*In a later hand*] Anno 47: Ed: 3: <2> 8. August:

[*In a yet later hand*] [Richard struck through] Edward Third 1373.

¹ Data written in full in Charter Roll, 8th Aug., Datum in Patent Roll,
 20th Dec.

abovesaid. These being witnesses : the reverend fathers William, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, William, Bishop of Winchester, John, Bishop of Bath and Wells, William, Bishop of Worcester, Edmund, Earl of Canterbury, Edmund, Earl of March, John Knyvet, the Chancellor, Richard Lestrop, the Treasurer, William Latimer, our Chamberlains and others. Given by our hand at Woodstock on the eighth day of August in the forty-seventh year of our reign of England but in the thirty-fourth of our reign of France.

Duplicated.

Faryngton.

[*On the outside of the fold at the lower edge*] Examined by Robert de Faryngton, clerk.

[*Endorsed in the same hand*] This charter is allowed and enrolled in the Common Bench before William de Fyncheden and his fellows, Justices of the Lord the King of the same Bench in Michaelmas term in the forty-seventh year of the reign of King Edward the third from the conquest, in the roll 296.

[*Endorsed in a contemporary hand*] The Charter of Lord Edward the third granted to the burgesses of Bristol, that the town of Bristol shall be a County by itself, with divers other liberties.

[*In a later hand*] In the 47th year : Ed : 3, 8th August.

[*In a yet later hand*] [Richard struck through] Edward third
1373.

[1st September, 47 Edward III, [1373].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et dominus <3> hibernie Venerabilibus in christo patribus Iohanni Episcopo Bathon[iensi] et wellen[si] willelmo Episcopo wygorn[iensi] et dilectis sibi in christo waltero Abbati Glaston' et Nicholao Abbati Cirencestr' ac dilectis et fidelibus suis Edmundo Clyuedon' Ricardo de Acton' Theobaldo Gorges henrico Percehay waltero Clopton' et Iohanni Seriaunt salutem Sciatis quod cum octauo die Augusti proximo preterito concesses <4>rimus et per cartam nostram confirmauerimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris dilectis nobis Burgensibus ville nostre Bristollie et eorum heredibus et successoribus suis,² imperpetuum quod predicta³ villa Bristollie cum suburbiis suis et procinctu eorundem; de Comitatibus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] decetero separata sit pariter et in omnibus exempta tam per terram quam per aquam et quod sit Comitatus per se et Comitatus <5> Bristollie nuncupatus imperpetuum et quod dicti Burgenses et eorum heredes et successores imperpetuum habeant infra dictam villam Bristollie et suburbia eiusdem et eorum procinctum certas libertates et quietancias et eis plene gaudeant et Vtantur prout in carta predicta⁴ plenius continetur Nos volentes certiorari super metis et bundis ville et suburbiorum predictorum ac pro <6>cinctus eorundem et quod inter eadem villam suburbia⁵ et procinctum iam Comitatum Bristollie sic existencia et nuncupata et⁶ Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] diuise perpetue per certas metas et bundas fiant et decetero per metas et bundas illas tam diuise predicte quam procinctus dictorum Comitatum Bristollie, Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] in certo ponantur, ne super metis et diuisis dictorum trium Comitatum <7> Ambiguitas imposterum⁷ habeatur Assignauimus vos nouem octo septem et sex vestrum Iusticiarios nostros ad perambulacionem inter dictum Comitatum Bristollie et procinctum, eiusdem tam per terram quam per aquam et dictos Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] extra procinctum eiusdem Comitatus Bristollie per sacramentum tam Militum

¹ Text from the original inspeximus of 30th Oct., 47 Ed. III, [1373], 01209, lines <2>-(11) (See p. 80). There is a copy, certified under date March 30th, 1825, in "Bristol Charters," 04383(1), f. 51, under the heading Ex Rot. Pat. 47 Edw. 3. pars II. m. 30. in dorso. in Turr. Lond. De perambulacione facienda. This is translated in "Bristol Charters," 04383(2), ff. 52-53. There is an enrolment in the Patent Roll, 47 Ed. III, p. 2, m. 30d, and a second inspeximus on 20th Dec., of the same year (See p. 170). Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 62-65 gives transcript and translation and Latimer's "Bristol Charters," notes on pp. 80-82.

The capital E is written in blue and red.

1st September, 47 Edward III, [1373].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the reverend fathers in Christ, John, Bishop of Bath and Wells, William, Bishop of Worcester and to his beloved in Christ, Walter, Abbot of Glastonbury and Nicholas, Abbot of Cirenceter and to his beloved and faithful Edmund Clyvedon, Richard de Acton, Theobald Gorges, Henry Percehay, Walter Clopton and John Serjaunt, greeting. Know ye that whereas on the eighth day of August last past we have granted and by our charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to our beloved burgesses of our town of Bristol and to their heirs and their successors for ever that the aforesaid town of Bristol with its suburbs and the precinct of the same shall henceforth be separated from the Counties of Gloucester and Somerset equally, and in all things exempt as well by land as by water, and that it shall be a County of itself and be called the County of Bristol for ever; and that the said burgesses and their heirs and successors for ever shall have within the said town of Bristol and the suburbs of the same and their precinct certain liberties and quittances and shall enjoy and use them fully as in the charter aforesaid is more fully contained. We, willing to be certified upon the metes and bounds of the town and suburbs aforesaid and the precinct of the same and that between the same town, suburbs and precinct, now the County of Bristol so being and called, and the Counties of Gloucester and Somerset perpetual divisions shall be made by certain metes and bounds, and henceforth by those metes and bounds as well the divisions aforesaid as the precincts of the said Counties of Bristol, Gloucester and Somerset shall be set in certainty that upon the metes and divisions of the said three Counties there shall be no ambiguity in the future: Have assigned you nine, eight, seven and six of you our Justices for faithfully making a perambulation between the said County of Bristol and precinct of the same, as well by land as by water, and the said Counties of Gloucester and

² suis omitted from Patent Roll, 1st Sept.

³ dicta in Patent Roll, 1st Sept.

⁴ nostra instead of predicta in original inspeximus and Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁵ et suburbia in Patent Roll, 1st Sept.

⁶ et inserted above the line, *ibid.*

⁷ ambiguitas imposterum written over an erasure in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.

quam aliorum proborum et legalium hominum tam de dictis <8> Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] quam de dicto Comitatu Bristollie tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit fideliter faciendam et ad certa signa et¹ metas et diuisas que imperpetuum cognosci valeant inter dictum procinctum Comitatus Bristollie et dictos Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] in perambulacione illa ponenda² Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos dies et loca quos vos nouem octo <9> septem vel³ sex vestrum⁴ ad hoc prouideritis circa premissa intendatis et perambulacionem⁵ faciatis in forma predicta Mandauimus enim vicecomitibus nostris dictorum Comitatum Gloucestrie et Somers[ete], ac Maiori dicte ville Bristollie quod ad certos⁶ dies et loca quos vos nouem octo septem vel sex vestrum eis scire faciatis venire faciant coram vobis nouem octo septem vel sex vestrum tot et tales tam <10> Milites quam alios probos et legales homines de tribus Comitatus predictis tam infra libertates quam extra per quos rei veritas in premissis melius sciri poterit et inquiri Et scire faciatis nobis in Cancellaria nostra ad cicius quo commode poteritis vbicumque tunc fuerit sub sigillis vestris nouem octo septem vel sex vestrum et sigillis quatuor legalium Militum ex illis qui perambulacioni illi interfuerint <11> per que signa metas et diuisas perambulacio illa facta fuerit : In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud westmonasterium primo die Septembris Anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo quarto

¹ et omitted from Patent Roll, 1st Sept.

² ponenda written over an erasure.

³ vel inserted above the line in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁴ vestrum written over an erasure.

⁵ perambulacionem illam in Patent Rolls, 1st Sept., and 20th Dec. In original inspeximus, 20th Dec., illam is inserted above the line.

⁶ ad certos inserted above the line in Patent Roll, 1st Sept.

Somerset without the precinct of the same County of Bristol, by the oath as well of knights as of other worthy and lawful men, as well of the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset as of the said County of Bristol, as well within the liberties as without, by whom the truth of the matter may be better known ; and for setting in that perambulation certain signs and metes and divisions which shall be effectual to be known for ever between the said precinct of the County of Bristol and the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset. And, therefore, we command you that at certain days and places which you nine, eight, seven or six of you shall provide for this you shall be intendent to the premises and shall make a perambulation in the form aforesaid. We have, indeed, commanded our Sheriffs of the said Counties of Gloucester and Somerset and the Mayor of the said town of Bristol that, at certain days and places which you nine, eight, seven or six of you shall make known to them, they shall cause to come before you nine, eight, seven or six of you so many and such as well knights as other worthy and lawful men of the three Counties aforesaid, as well within the liberties as without, by whom the truth of the matter in the premises may be better known and enquired into. And you shall cause us to know in our Chancery, as soon as you are conveniently able, wheresoever it shall then be, under the seals of you nine, eight, seven or six of you and the seals of four lawful knights from those who took part in that perambulation by what signs, metes and divisions that perambulation was made. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the first day of September in the forty-seventh year of our reign of England but in the thirty-fourth of our reign of France.

[[30th September, 47] Edward III, [1373].]

Dominus¹ Rex mandauit Venerabilibus <2> in christo patribus Iohanni Episcopo Bathon[iensi] et wellen[si] willelmo Episcopo wygornien[si] et dilectis sibi in christo waltero Abbati Glaston' et Nicholao Abbati Cirencestr' ac dilectis et fidelibus suis Edmundo Clyuedon' Ricardo de Acton' Theobaldo Gorges Henrico Percehay waltero Clopton' et Iohanni Seriaunt litteras suas patentes in hec verba Edwardus² dei gracia . . . [*here follow the letters patent of 1st September, 47 Edward III (See p. 142).*] <11> Quorum³ litterarum preceptum fuit per prefatos Iusticiarios tam vtrique vicecomitum predictorum Comitatum Gloucestrie et <12> Somers[ete] quam Maiori ville Bristollie quod quilibet eorum venire faceret coram prefatis Iusticiariis nouem octo septem vel sex eorum apud Templeyate que est in predicta villa Bristollie et in confinio trium Comitatum predictorum die veneris in Crastino sancti Michaelis Archangeli tunc proximo sequente xxiiij tam Milites quam alios probos et legales homines de balliuis suis tam infra libertates quam <13> extra ad facienda ea que ex parte domini Regis eis ibidem iniungerentur et virtute mandatorum predictorum ac eciam breuium domini Regis de intendendo eis inde prius directorum quilibet vicecomitum et Maioris predictorum coram prefatis Edmundo Clyuedon' Ricardo de Acton' Theobaldo Gorges henrico Percehay waltero Clopton' et Iohanne Seriaunt apud predictum locum vocatum Templeyate predicto die veneris <14> retornauit quoddam panellum xxiiij⁴ tam Militum quam aliorum proborum et legalium hominum etcetera. tam infra libertates quam extra ad facienda ea que etcetera. Ad quem diem coram prefatis Edmundo Ricardo Theobaldo henrico waltero Clopton' et Iohanne Serieaunt apud Templeyate proclamacionibus factis quod omnes illi qui euidentias aliquas habuerunt ad metas et diuisas predictas faciendas eas ostenderent et decla<15>rent et omnibus huiusmodi euidentiis propositis et declaratis et tam per dictos Iusticiarios quam per xij tam Milites quam alios probos et legales homines cuiuslibet

¹ Text from the original inspeximus, 30th Oct., 47 Ed. III, [1373], 01209, lines <1>-<60> (See p. 80). Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 66-83, a translation in Nicholls' and Taylor's "Bristol: Past and Present," Vol. I, pp. 178-180, and a note in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," pp. 80-82. An exposition of the boundaries in his day is given in Barrett's "History of Bristol," pp. 104-111 and a summary identifying place-names in Evans' "Chronological Outline of Bristol," pp. 91-93. Rocque's plan of Bristol, 1742, shows boundary stones and boundary (See frontispiece).

[30th September, 47 Edward III, 1373.]

The Lord the King has commanded the reverend fathers in Christ, John, Bishop of Bath and Wells, William, Bishop of Worcester, and his beloved in Christ, Walter, Abbot of Glastonbury and Nicholas, Abbot of Cirencester, and his beloved and faithful Edmund Clyvedon, Richard de Acton, Theobald Gorges, Henry Percehay, Walter Clopton and John Serjaunt [by] his letters patent in these words:—Edward, by the grace of God . . . [here follow the letters patent of 1st September, 47 Ed. III (See p. 143).] By pretext of which letters it was commanded by the aforesaid Justices as well to both of the Sheriffs of the aforesaid Counties of Gloucester and Somerset as to the Mayor of the town of Bristol that each of them should cause to come before the aforesaid Justices nine, eight, seven or six of them at Temple-gate, which is in the aforesaid town of Bristol and in the confine of the three Counties aforesaid, on Friday, the Morrow of Saint Michael the Archangel then next following, 24 as well knights as other worthy and lawful men of their bailiwicks, as well within the liberties as without, to do what should be enjoined them in the same place on the part of the Lord the King. And, by virtue of the mandates aforesaid and also of the writs de intendendo¹ of the Lord the King to them thereupon formerly directed, each of the Sheriffs and the Mayor aforesaid before the aforesaid Edmund Clyvedon, Richard de Acton, Theobald Gorges, Henry Percehay, Walter Clopton and John Serjaunt at the aforesaid place called Temple-gate on the aforesaid Friday has returned a certain panel of 24 as well knights as other worthy and lawful men, etc., as well within the liberties as without, to do those things which, etc. On which day before the aforesaid Edmund, Richard, Theobald, Henry, Walter Clopton and John Serjaunt at Temple-gate proclamations having been made that all those who had any evidences for making the metes and divisions aforesaid should show and declare them and all such evidences having been proposed and declared and, as well by the said Justices as by 12 as well

¹ Concerning being intendent.

There are several volumes recording perambulations from 1373–1901 in the archives of the Corporation; alternative spellings of place-names from these are given in subsequent notes.

A second inspeimus of the above mandate is contained in letters patent of 20th Dec., 47 Ed. III (See p. 170).

² Capital E written in blue and red.

³ Capital Q written in gold and purple.

⁴ or is written above these numbers in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

predictorum trium Comitatum ad hoc electos et iuratos. Auditis intellectis et cum plena et matura deliberacione examinatis processum fuit per prefatos Iusticiarios ad perambulacionem super metis et diuisis predictis faciendam per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum predictorum videlicet <16> Roberti Cheddre walteri Frompton' walteri Derby. Elie Spelly. Ricardi Bromdon'. willelmi Coumbe Iohannis hakeston' senioris willelmi wodeford' willelmi Somerwill' Iohannis Vyel henrici Vyel¹ et Iohannis Somerwell' de predicto Comitatu Bristollie Radulphi waleys Iohannis Crook Iohannis de weston' Iunioris Iohannis kent de wyke Roberti atte hay Iohannis werkesberwe. laurenrij Campe Iohannis wykwyke. willelmi <17> atte Mulle Roberti Tollare Thome Ouernon et Thome atte hethe de predicto Comitatu Gloucestrie et Iohannis Beket walteri Laurencz willelmi Sambrok Simonis Draycote Iohannis Babynton' Ricardi Calweton' Ricardi Oldemuxen' Ricardi Theyn de Asshton'² Ricardi English' Thome atte Mulle Ricardi Neel et Iohannis Artur de predicto Comitatu Somers[ete] Qui dicunt super³ sacramentum suum quod mete et bunde <18> inter diuisas predictorum trium Comitatum sunt iste videlicet incipiendo perambulacionem predictam ad finem communis muri eiusdem ville Bristollie qui se extendit a quodam⁴ turri eiusdem ville vocato Tourharatz in aquam Abone in orientali parte eiusdem ville que quidem aqua ibidem est diuisa inter predictum Comitatum Gloucestrie in parte boriali⁵ et predictum Comitatum Bristollie in parte australi et sic ab eodem fine <19> predicti muri ascendendo per filum eiusdem Aque Abone directe versus orientem vsque ad lapidem de nouo fixum ad finem fossati cuiusdam crofte vocate le hales quod quidem fossatum est inter dictum Comitatum Bristollie et Comitatum Somers[ete] in parte australi eiusdem Comitatus Bristollie et a dicto fine eiusdem fossati linialiter per eundem fossatum ex boriali parte eiusdem fossati versus occidentem vsque ad magnum <20> lapidem fixum ad occidentale conerium eiusdem fossati iuxta regiam viam que ducit de Templeyate versus Bathon' et ab eodem lapide per eandem viam per fossatum eiusdem vie versus austrum ex parte orientali eiusdem vie vsque ad alium lapidem fixum ex parte orientali cuiusdam pontis⁶ vocati⁷ Pylhillesbrugge. et de illo

¹ Vyell in original *inspeximus*, 20th Dec.

² Ashton in original *inspeximus* and Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

³ Qui dicunt super *underlined*.

⁴ The -od- of quodam is written over an erasure, probably an alteration from feminine to masculine.

⁵ boriali written over an erasure.

knights as other worthy and lawful men of each of the aforesaid three Counties, elected and sworn for this purpose, having been heard, understood and with full and mature deliberation examined, there was a process by the aforesaid Justices for making a perambulation upon the metes and divisions aforesaid by the oath of the worthy and lawful men aforesaid, namely, of Robert Cheddre, Walter Frompton, Walter Derby, Elias Spelly, Richard Bromdon, William Coumbe, John Hakeston, senior, William Wodefod, William Somerwill, John Vyel, Henry Vyel, and John Somerwell of the aforesaid County of Bristol, of Ralph Waleys, John Crook, John de Weston, junior, John Kent de Wyke, Robert atte Hay, John Werkesberwe, Laurence Campe, John Wykwyke, William atte Mulle, Robert Tollare, Thomas Overnon and Thomas atte Hethe of the aforesaid County of Gloucester and of John Beket, Walter Laurencz, William Sambrok, Simon Draycote, John Babynton, Richard Calweton, Richard Oldemuxen, Richard Theyn de Asshton, Richard English, Thomas atte Mulle, Richard Neel and John Artur of the aforesaid County of Somerset. Who say upon their oath that the metes and bounds between the divisions of the aforesaid three Counties are these, namely:—Beginning the perambulation aforesaid at the end of the common wall of the same town of Bristol which extends from a certain tower of the same town called Tourharatz¹ unto the water of Avon on the eastern part² of the same town, which water, indeed, in the same place is the division between the aforesaid County of Gloucester on the northern part and the aforesaid County of Bristol on the southern part; and so from the same end of the aforesaid wall ascending by a thread of the same water of Avon directly eastwards as far as a stone newly fixed at the end of the ditch of a certain croft called the Hales,³ which ditch, indeed, is between the said County of Bristol and the County of Somerset on the southern part of the same County of Bristol; and from the said end of the same ditch in a line along the same ditch on the northern part of the same ditch westwards as far as a great stone fixed at the western corner of the same ditch near the king's highway which leads from Temple-gate towards Bath; and from the same stone along the same highway along the ditch

¹ Tower Haratz or Harris.

² Or side. *The word part has been used throughout the translation as being nearer the Latin.*

³ Or Halls.

⁶ *From ab eodem lapide following Bathon' et to the word pontis has been written over an erasure.*

⁷ *vocati inserted above the line.*

lapide vsque ad fontem in itinere iuxta eundem pontem et ab eodem fonte directe versus occidentem vsque ad alium lapidem <21> fixum iuxta sepem de Aldeburyham inter Regiam viam que ducit a villa Bristollie versus Pensford et eandem sepem et sic descendendo versus Boream¹ per eandem viam versus Bristollum vsque ad lapidem fixum ad Angulum boriam cuiusdam prati vocati waremede et ab illo Angulo directe versus occidentem per quoddam fossatum vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum in <22> cornerio eiusdem fossati in eodem prato. et ab eodem lapide versus boream per aliud fossatum vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum in alio conerio eiusdem prati et sic directe per eundem fossatum versus occidentem vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum iuxta eundem pratum in Angulo fossati cuiusdam crofte que quondam fuit fratrum Satinorum et ab illo lapide per aliud fossatum versus boriam <23> vsque ad alium Magnum lapidem fixum subtus fossatum iuxta capud cuiusdam venelle vocate² la Redelane. et ab eodem lapide versus occidentem directe vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum subtus fossatum de Ergleyscroft et deinde per eundem fossatum versus austrum vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati et³ ab illo lapide linialiter per fossatum eiusdem crofte <24> de Ergleyscroft versus occidentem vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum ex occidentali parte semite que ducit de knolle versus ecclesiam de Redeclyue et ab eodem lapide per eandem semitam versus boriam vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum prope murum in cornerio orientali cimiterij ecclesie de Redeclyue et abinde⁴ versus austrum per medium cuiusdam venelle que ducit versus pratum de langemedede <25> vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in eodem prato ad conerium cuiusdam crofte Magistri hospitalis sancti Iohannis Baptiste Bristollie vocate langcroft et abinde in eodem prato directe per fossatum versus boriam vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum in alio cornerio eiusdem prati de langemedede. et ab eodem lapide directe versus occidentem per quandam gutteram et quandam trencheam que se extendit per quandam <26> Croftam vocatam lockyng in australi parte eiusdem trenchee vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum in cornerio

¹ boriam in *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec. i and e are used interchangeably for this word throughout the MS. versions.

² venelle vocate underlined in a different ink.

³ In *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec., a line has been erased between fossati and et and the blank space struck through.

⁴ ab inde in *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

of the same highway southwards on the eastern part of the same highway as far as another stone fixed on the eastern part of a certain bridge called Pylhillesbrugge;¹ and from that stone as far as a spring in the way near the same bridge; and from the same spring directly westwards as far as another stone fixed near the hedge of Aldeburyham² between the king's highway which leads from the town of Bristol towards Pensford and the same hedge; and so descending northwards along the same highway towards Bristol as far as a stone fixed at the northern angle of a certain meadow called Waremede;³ and from that angle directly westwards along a certain ditch as far as a great stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch in the same meadow; and from the same stone northwards along another ditch as far as another great stone fixed in another corner of the same meadow; and so directly along the same ditch westwards as far as another great stone fixed near the same meadow in an angle of the ditch of a certain croft which formerly belonged to the fraternity of Satinors; and from that stone along another ditch northwards as far as another great stone fixed below a ditch near the head of a certain lane called the Redelane;⁴ and from the same stone westwards directly as far as another great stone fixed below the ditch of Ergleyscroft;⁵ and then along the same ditch southwards as far as another great stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch; and from that stone in a line along the ditch of the same croft of Ergleyscroft westwards as far as another great stone fixed on the western part of the path which leads from Knowle towards the church of Redcliffe; and from that stone along the same path northwards as far as a great stone fixed hardby the wall in the eastern corner of the cemetery of the church of Redcliffe; and from thence southwards along the middle of a certain lane which leads towards the meadow of Langemedede⁶ as far as another stone fixed in the same meadow at the corner of a certain croft of the Master of the Hospital of Saint John the Baptist of Bristol called Langcroft;⁷ and from thence in the same meadow directly along the ditch northwards as far as another great stone fixed in another corner of the same meadow of Langemedede;⁶ and from the same

¹ *Or* Phillhilles bridge, Pill-hill-bridge, Pile-hill-bridge.

² Aldburyham, Aldburyham, Adleburyham *or* Aldebury.

³ *Or* Waremead.

⁴ *Or* Redlane.

⁵ *Or* Erlescrofte, Earglescrofte, Erglescroft.

⁶ Longmeade *or* Langmead

⁷ *Or* Longcroft.

cuiusdam parue crofte et abinde per quoddam fossatum ex orientali parte eiusdem fossati versus boriā vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum ad capud eiusdem fossati in regia via que ducit de Bristollo versus Bedmynstre et ab eodem lapide directe versus occidentem <27> per quoddam fossatum in australi parte eiusdem vie regie vsque ad medium pontis vocati Brightenebrigge et abinde directe versus boream per quoddam fossatum ex occidentali parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum in prato vocato katerinemedē¹ ad cornerium cuiusdam crofte vocate kerdyscroft et abinde per fossatum eiusdem crofte quod se extendit versus orientem <28> vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum in eodem prato in quodam Angulo eiusdem prati et abinde per quoddam aliud fossatum quod se extendit versus Trenelemulle vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum in boriali angulo eiusdem prati de katerynmede et abinde per quoddam fossatum directe versus occidentem vsque ad filum aque² de Bisshop'worthebrok³ ad occidentale capud eiusdem <29> fossati et sic extransuerso eiusdem Aque versus Boream vsque ad lapidem fixum in boriali parte eiusdem aque ad australe capud fossati cuiusdam clausi Abbatis sancti Augustini Bristollie et deinde linialiter versus orientem ex parte boriali stagni de Trenelemulle directe vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum super la Millebay eiusdem molendini. et ab eodem lapide directe ex parte boriali <30> eiusdem molendini vsque ad alium lapidem fixum super aquam abone prope eundem molendinum et ab eodem lapide directe versus boream in predictam aquam Abone que est ibi in occidentali parte eiusdem Comitatus Bristollie Et sic per marginem eiusdem aque Abone versus occidentem ex australi parte eiusdem Aque Abone vsque ad Crockernepulse⁴ et abinde versus occidentem per <31> marginem aque Sabrine ex australi parte eiusdem aque sabrine vsque ad Portesheuedeford'⁵ et abinde per marginem eiusdem aque Sabrine versus occidentem in australi parte eiusdem aque vsque ad quoddam saxum vocatum Clyuedoneshoo et abinde directe versus occidentem in aquam Sabrine predictam vsque ad⁶ cornerium boriale cuiusdam insule in eadem aqua vocate <32> Stypholm' Que quidem Insula est

¹ katerynmede in original *inspeximus* and *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

² ad filum aque *underlined in a different ink*.

³ Bisshopworthebrok in original *inspeximus* and *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

⁴ From et sic to this word is *underlined in a different ink*.

⁵ In the right-hand margin opposite this line, in the original *inspeximus* of 20th Dec., is written in a later hand, Crockernepulse

⁶ ad omitted from *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

stone directly westwards along a certain gutter and a certain trench which extends along a certain croft called Lockyng¹ on the southern part of the same trench as far as another great stone fixed in the corner of a certain little croft ; and from thence along a certain ditch on the eastern part of the same ditch northwards as far as another great stone fixed at the head of the same ditch in the king's highway which leads from Bristol towards Bedminster ; and from the same stone directly westwards along a certain ditch in the southern part of the same king's highway as far as the middle of a bridge called Brightenebrigge ;² and from thence directly northwards along a certain ditch on the western part of the same ditch as far as a stone fixed in a meadow called Katerinemed³ at the corner of a certain croft called Kerdyfiscroft ;⁴ and from thence along the ditch of the same croft which extends eastwards as far as another great stone fixed in the same meadow in a certain angle of the same meadow ; and from thence along a certain other ditch which extends towards Trenelemulle⁵ as far as another great stone fixed in the northern angle of the same meadow of Katerynmede ;³ and from thence along a certain ditch directly westwards as far as a thread of water of Bisshop'worthebrok⁶ to the western head of the same ditch ; and so across the same water northwards as far as a stone fixed in the northern part of the same water at the southern head of the ditch of a certain close of the Abbot of Saint Augustine of Bristol ; and then in a line eastwards on the northern part of the pool of Trenelemulle directly as far as a great stone fixed upon the Mill-bay of the same mill ; and from the same stone directly on the northern part of the same mill as far as another stone fixed upon the water of Avon hard by the same mill ; and from the same stone directly northwards unto the aforesaid water of Avon which is there on the western part of the same county of Bristol. And so along the margin of the same water of Avon westwards on the southern part of the same water of Avon as far as Crockernepulle ;⁷ and from thence westwards along the margin of the water of Severn from the southern part of the same

¹ Lokkyng, Lockinge *or* Locking.

² Brighten bridge *or* Brightnee bridge.

³ Katerynmeed *or* Katherine mead.

⁴ Cardiffescroft *or* Cardiff's croft.

⁵ Treen *or* Trenelly Mill.

⁶ Bissheppworth, Buishoppsworth, Bishop's-worth *or* Bishopsworth Brook.

⁷ Crockerne *or* Crockern Pill.

diusa [*sic*]¹ inter predictum Comitatum Somers[ete] in parte australi et predictum Comitatum Bristollie in parte orientali et predictum Comitatum Gloucestrie in parte boriali Et sic² a predicta Insula de Stypholm' directe versus boriam in eadem aqua Sabrine vsque ad australe cornerium cuiusdam alterius Insule in eadem aqua vocate Flotholm'.³ et abinde directe versus orientem in eadem aqua <33> vsque ad australe cornerium cuiusdam parue Insule vocate la Dunye et abinde similiter directe versus orientem in eadem aqua vsque ad Aueneorde quod est in boriali parte predicte aque Abone et abinde per marginem eiusdem aque Abone ex boriali parte eiusdem aque versus orientem vsque ad quemdam magnum lapidem fixum super eandem aquam Abone iuxta quendam riuulum vocatum⁴ <34> wodewilleslake in orientali parte eiusdem⁵ riuuli et abinde Ascendendo directe versus boriam per cursum eiusdem riuuli a magno lapide ad magnum lapidem fixum iuxta eundem riuulum vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum iuxta conductum Abbatie⁶ sancti Augustini Bristollie ex parte occidentali eiusdem conducti. et abinde ascendendo directe versus boriam per quendam venellam <35> vocatam wodewilleslane in occidentali parte eiusdem venelle de magno lapide ad magnum lapidem fixos pro bundis in eadem venella vsque ad quendam lapidem fixum iuxta quendam murum vocatum langcrofteswall' in eadem venella. et abinde per eundem murum in eadem venella vsque ad alium lapidem fixum iuxta cornerium cuiusdam campi vocati Bartholo<36>meu is clos et abinde per fossatum eiusdem campi versus boream ex occidentali parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio cuiusdam clausi vocati Fockynggroue et abinde directe versus orientem per quoddam longum fossatum de lapide ad lapidem vsque ad lapidem fixum in boriali cornerio cuiusdam clausi vocati Cantockes clos.⁷ et abinde per fossatum eiusdem clausi <37> directe versus orientem in boriali parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum ad orientale cornerium cuiusdam crofte domorum religiosarum

¹ diuisa in original inspeximus and Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

² sic inserted above the line in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.

³ Flotholm in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁴ From parue Insule to this word there is underlining in a different ink.

⁵ From Trenelemulle in line <28> to this word there is underlining in pencil.

⁶ Abbatchie in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁷ Written as one word, *ibid.*

water of Severn as far as Porteshevedeford;¹ and from thence along the margin of the same water of Severn westwards on the southern part of the same water as far as a certain rock called Clyvedoneshoo;² and from thence directly westwards in the water of Severn aforesaid as far as the northern corner of a certain island in the same water called Stypholm.³ Which island, indeed, is the division between the aforesaid County of Somerset on the southern part and the aforesaid County of Bristol on the eastern part and the aforesaid County of Gloucester on the northern part. And so from the aforesaid island of Stypholm³ directly northwards in the same water of Severn as far as the southern corner of a certain other island in the same water called Flotholm;⁴ and from thence directly eastwards in the same water as far as the southern corner of a certain little island called the Dunye;⁵ and from thence similarly directly eastwards in the same water as far as Aveneorde⁶ which is on the northern part of the aforesaid water of Avon; and from thence along the margin of the same water of Avon on the northern part of the same water eastwards as far as a certain great stone fixed upon the same water of Avon near a certain rivulet called Wodewilleslake⁷ on the eastern part of the same rivulet; and from thence ascending directly northwards along the course of the same rivulet from a great stone to a great stone fixed near the same rivulet as far as a great stone fixed near the conduit of the Abbey of Saint Augustine of Bristol on the western part of the same conduit; and from thence ascending directly northwards along a certain lane called Wodewilleslane⁸ on the western part of the same lane from great stone to great stone fixed for bounds in the same lane as far as a certain stone fixed near a certain wall called Langcrofteswall⁹ in the same lane; and from thence along the same wall in the same lane as far as another stone fixed near the corner of a certain field called Bartholomeu is clos;¹⁰ and from thence along the ditch of the same field northwards on the western part of the

¹ Portshead *or* Portishead Ford.

² Cliuedonshoe *or* Clevedon's Hoe.

³ Slipe *or* Steep Holm.

⁴ Flote *or* Flat Holm.

⁵ Dinny *or* Denny.

⁶ *Or* Avonroad.

⁷ Woodwill's Lake *or* Woodwell's Lake *cf.* modern *Woodwell Crescent*.

⁸ Woodwill's Lane *or* Woodwell's Lane.

⁹ Longcroft *or* Langcroft Wall.

¹⁰ Bartholomew *or* Bartholomew's Close.

Magdalene et Bartholomei Bristollie et abinde directe versus austrum per fossatum eiusdem crofte vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in alio cornerio eiusdem crofte et abinde directe per alium sepem versus orientem ex parte boriali eiusdem sepi vsque ad <38> viam regiam que ducit de Bristollo versus hembury et sic per eandem viam directe versus boriā in occidentali parte eiusdem vie directe vsque ad quandam crucem vocatam Bewellescrosse et abinde adhuc versus boream vsque ad lapidem fixum prope fontem de Bewelle ex orientali parte eiusdem fontis et ab illo lapide directe versus orientem ex transverso eiusdem [vie *obliterated by a blot*] regie vsque ad alium lapidem fixum <39> in orientali parte eiusdem vie regie iuxta eandem viam, et abinde reuertendo directe versus austrum ex orientali parte eiusdem¹ vie regie vsque ad alium lapidem fixum prope predictam crucem in orientali parte eiusdem crucis et abinde directe versus austrum ex parte orientali eiusdem vie regie vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum in eadem via regia ad capud fossati cuiusdam crofte vocate <40> Bromptoun² is clos, et ab eodem lapide per eundem fossatum versus orientem ex parte boriali eiusdem fossati vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in orientali capite eiusdem fossati et abinde versus austrum per aliud fossatum ex parte orientali eiusdem fossati vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati et ab inde directe versus occidentem per quoddam aliud fossatum vsque ad alium lapidem fixum ad <41> capud cuiusdam venelle vocate la Millelane et abinde descendendo versus austrum per aliud fossatum vsque ad lapidem fixum in angulo eiusdem fossati iuxta quendam clausum vocatum Priourescroft et abinde per aliud fossatum versus orientem vsque ad alium lapidem fixum ad finem eiusdem fossati in quadam via vocata Maudeleynlane et sic ex transverso vie illius per aliud fossatum <42> versus orientem in boriali parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati et abinde directe versus Austrum per aliud fossatum vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati et ab eodem lapide directe versus occidentem per aliud fossatum ex australi parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in cornerio iuxta fossatum cuiusdam clausi vocati Priouresclos et abinde <43> descendendo per eundem fossatum

¹ eiusdem *inserted above the line.*

² *Might be Brompton' or Bromptoun*

same ditch as far as a stone fixed in the corner of a certain close called Fockynggrove;¹ and from thence directly eastwards along a certain long ditch from stone to stone as far as a stone fixed in the northern corner of a certain close called Cantockes clos;² and from thence along the ditch of the same close directly eastwards on the northern part of the same ditch as far as a stone fixed at the eastern corner of a certain croft of the houses of the religious of Magdalen and Bartholomew of Bristol; and from thence directly southwards along the ditch of the same croft as far as another stone fixed in another corner of the same croft; and from thence directly along another hedge eastwards on the northern part of the same hedge as far as the king's highway which leads from Bristol towards Hembury;³ and so along the same highway directly northwards on the western part of the same highway directly as far as a certain cross called Bewellescrosse;⁴ and from thence further northwards as far as a stone fixed hard by the spring of Bewelle⁵ on the eastern part of the same spring; and from that stone directly eastwards across the same king's highway as far as another stone fixed in the eastern part of the same king's highway near the same highway; and from thence returning directly southwards on the eastern part of the same king's highway as far as another stone fixed hard by the aforesaid cross on the eastern part of the same cross; and from thence directly southwards on the eastern part of the same king's highway as far as a great stone fixed in the same king's highway at the head of the ditch of a certain croft called Bromptoun is clos;⁶ and from the same stone along the same ditch eastwards on the northern part of the same ditch as far as another stone fixed in the eastern head of the same ditch; and from thence southwards along another ditch on the eastern part of the same ditch as far as another stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch; and from thence directly westwards along a certain other ditch as far as another stone fixed at the head of a certain lane called the Millelane;⁷ and from thence descending southwards along another ditch as far as a stone fixed in the angle of the same ditch near a certain close called Priourescroft;⁸ and from thence along another ditch eastwards as far as another

¹ Fukkyngroue, Pocking, Fokeing, Foking *or* Pucking Grove.

² Cantok, Cantox, Cantoxe, Cantoke's *or* Cantock's Close.

³ Henbury.

⁴ Bewell's Cross.

⁵ *Or* Bewell.

⁶ Brampton's *or* Brompton's Close.

⁷ Millane, Millane Lane *or* Mill-lane.

⁸ Pryor's *or* Prior's Croft.

versus austrum vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati contigue iuxta Priouresorchard'. et abinde per longum fossatum clausi Prioris sancti Iacobi versus orientem de magno lapide ad magnum lapidem vsque ad lapidem fixum ad orientale cornerium cuiusdam parui clausi vocati Doucescroft et sic de eodem lapide descendendo versus austrum <44> per fossatum eiusdem clausi vsque ad lapidem fixum in via regia que ducit de Bristollo versus Thornebury ad cornerium australe eiusdem fossati et abinde per eandem viam versus boriā in occidentali parte eiusdem vie vsque ad lapidem fixum in eadem via ex opposito cuiusdam semite vocate Apesherd' et ab eodem lapide ex transverso eiusdem vie versus orientem vsque <45> ad alium lapidem fixum super quendam¹ paruum cumulum prope le Apesherd' et sic abinde versus orientem per quoddam fossatum ex parte boreali eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati. et sic descendendo per medium cuiusdam fossati versus² austrum vsque ad alium² lapidem fixum ad australem finem eiusdem fossati et abinde directe versus orientem per medium fossati <46> cuiusdam clausi vocati Mereforlang'. vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum ad cornerium eiusdem fossati. et deinde descendendo versus austrum per medium alterius fossati eiusdem clausi vsque ad quendam³ lapidem fixum in Angulo iuxta fossatum cuiusdam clausi vocati Beauflourescroft. et deinde directe versus orientem per fossatum eiusdem clausi vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in alio <47> cornerio eiusdem clausi et abinde versus austrum per aliud fossatum eiusdem clausi in orientali parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum in orientali cornerio eiusdem clausi et abinde per aliud fossatum versus orientem vsque ad quendam³ lapidem fixum in Angulo cuiusdam crofte vocate langelondeslond' et abinde versus boream per medium alterius fossati eiusdem crofte vsque ad bori<48>ale cornerium eiusdem fossati et sic de magno lapide ad magnum lapidem prout ponuntur pro bundis per quoddam longum fossatum versus orientem vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum in cornerio cuiusdam crofte vocate Cokescroft. et abinde directe versus boriā per

¹ quemdam in original inspeximus, 20th Dec.

² versus . . . alium written over an erasure, *ibid.*

³ quemdam in original inspeximus and Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

stone fixed at the end of the same ditch in a certain highway called Maudeleylnlane; ¹ and so across that highway along another ditch eastwards on the northern part of the same ditch as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch; and from thence directly southwards along another ditch as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch; and from the same stone directly westwards along another ditch on the southern part of the same ditch as far as another stone fixed in the corner near the ditch of a certain close called Priouresclos; ² and from thence descending along the same ditch southwards as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch bordering upon Priouresorchard; ³ and from thence along the long ditch of the close of the Prior of Saint James eastwards from great stone to great stone as far as a stone fixed in the eastern corner of a certain little close called Doucescroft; ⁴ and so from the same stone descending southwards along the ditch of the same close as far as a stone fixed in the king's highway which leads from Bristol towards Thornebury ⁵ at the southern corner of the same ditch; and from thence along the same highway northwards on the western part of the same highway as far as a stone fixed in the same way opposite a certain path called Apesherd; ⁶ and from the same stone across the same highway eastwards as far as another stone fixed upon a certain little hillock hard by Apesherd; ⁶ and so from thence eastwards along a certain ditch on the northern part of the same ditch as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch; and so descending along the middle of a certain ditch southwards as far as another stone fixed at the southern end of the same ditch; and from thence directly eastwards along the middle of the ditch of a certain close called Mereforlang ⁷ as far as a great stone fixed at the corner of the same ditch; and then descending southwards along the middle of another ditch of the same close as far as a certain stone fixed in the angle near the ditch of a certain close called Beauflourescroft; ⁸ and then directly eastwards along the ditch of the same close as far as another stone fixed in another corner of the same close; and

¹ Or Maudlin Lane.

² Pryor's or Prior's Close.

³ Pryor's or Prior's Orchard.

⁴ Dowcers, Doucer or Dove Croft.

⁵ Thornbury.

⁶ Apshorde, Appshord or Apsherd.

⁷ Mereforlong, Mearefurlonge, Meerefurlong, Meer Furlong or Mere-furlong.

⁸ Beuflorescrofte, Beane-flowers or Bean-Flower-Croft. Beauflour, the original form, was the name of a local family (See Index to Bickley's "The Little Red Book of Bristol," Vol. II) and the field was probably called after its owner. Bean would then be a misreading of the original where almost no difference exists between u's and n's.

aliud fossatum vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem crofte. et sic per aliud fossatum eiusdem crofte versus <49> orientem vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in alio cornerio eiusdem crofte et abinde directe versus austrum per aliud fossatum eiusdem crofte vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in alio cornerio eiusdem crofte iuxta quoddam clausum vocatum la Pykedecroft et deinde directe versus orientem per fossatum eiusdem clausi de Pykedecroft vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem crofte prope viam <50> que ducit de Bristollo versus Stoke et ab eodem lapide per aliud fossatum eiusdem clausi versus austrum vsque ad lapidem fixum in alio cornerio eiusdem clausi et ab eodem lapide directe versus occidentem per aliud fossatum eiusdem clausi ex australi parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad alium magnum lapidem fixum¹ ex transverso predicte vie que ducit versus Stoke in cornerio cuiusdam parui clausi <51> vocati wryngtounis² croft et de eodem lapide per fossatum eiusdem clausi directe versus austrum vsque ad alium lapidem fixum in alio cornerio eiusdem clausi in via que ducit de Bristollo versus Lokenebrugge³ et ab eodem lapide per fossatum eiusdem clausi directe versus occidentem vsque ad lapidem fixum in boriali parte vie que ducit de Bristollo versus conductum <52> eiusdem ville vocatum keypipeconduyt.⁴ et abinde directe versus occidentem per quoddam longum fossatum de lapide ad lapidem ex australi parte eiusdem fossati vsque ad lapidem fixum iuxta quendam⁵ fontem vocatum beggereswelle⁶ ex¹ boriali parte eiusdem fontis et de eodem lapide directe versus austrum ex orientali parte fossati cuiusdam gardini vocati dychesorchard' vsque <53> ad quendam lapidem fixum super aquam de Frome in parte boriali eiusdem aque et sic linialiter per eandem aquam ex boriali parte eiusdem aque versus occidentem vsque ad lapidem fixum super eandem aquam ex opposito magni fossati ville Bristollie. et abinde directe versus orientem ex transverso eiusdem aque de Frome vsque ad lapidem fixum in australi parte eiusdem aque in <54> predicto magno fossato eiusdem ville. et ab illo lapide directe per eundem fossatum vsque ad magnum lapidem fixum extra portam eiusdem

¹ fixum . . . Beggereswelle ex is written over an erasure in Patent Roll, 20th Dec., with lines closely spaced as if to rectify the omission of a line of the original. There is a space of a quarter of a line between Beggereswelle and ex struck through in ink.

² Might be wryngton' or wryngtoun

³ Might be -ene- or -eue- in MSS.

⁴ keypipe conduyt in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁵ quemdam in original inspeximus and Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

⁶ beggereswell' in original, Beggereswell' in inspeximus, 20th Dec., and Beggereswelle in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.

from thence southwards along another ditch of the same close on the eastern part of the same ditch as far as a stone fixed in the eastern corner of the same close ; and from thence along another ditch eastwards as far as a certain stone fixed in the angle of a certain croft called Langelondeslond ;¹ and from thence northwards along the middle of another ditch of the same croft as far as the northern corner of the same ditch ; and so from great stone to great stone as they are placed for bounds along a certain long ditch eastwards as far as a great stone fixed in the corner of a certain croft called Cokescroft ;² and from thence directly northwards along another ditch as far as a great stone fixed in the corner of the same croft ; and so along another ditch of the same croft eastwards as far as another stone fixed in another corner of the same croft ; and from thence directly southwards along another ditch of the same croft as far as another stone fixed in another corner of the same croft near a certain close called the Pykedecroft ;³ and then directly eastwards along the ditch of the same close of Pykedecroft³ as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the same croft hard by the highway which leads from Bristol towards Stoke ; and from the same stone along another ditch of the same close southwards as far as a stone fixed in another corner of the same close ; and from the same stone directly westwards along another ditch of the same close on the southern part of the same ditch as far as another great stone fixed across the aforesaid highway which leads towards Stoke in the corner of a certain little close called Wryngtouniscroft ;⁴ and from the same stone along the ditch of the same close directly southwards as far as another stone fixed in another corner of the same close in the highway which leads from Bristol towards Lokenebrugge ;⁵ and from the same stone along the ditch of the same close directly westwards as far as a stone fixed on the northern part of the highway which leads from Bristol towards the conduit of the same town called Keypipeconduyt ;⁶ and from thence directly westwards along a certain long ditch from stone to stone on the southern part of the same ditch as far as a stone fixed near a

¹ Longlandesland, Langsdown's, *or* Longesden's Land.

² Cookis, Cookes *or* Cock's Croft.

³ Pyked, Peeked, Picked *or* Piked Croft.

⁴ Wryngton's *or* Wrington's Croft.

⁵ Lokyngbryge, Loken, Locking *or* Leken bridge.

⁶ Key pipe *or* Quay pipe conduit.

ville vocatam laffordesyate prope eandem portam et de illo lapide directe versus orientem de lapide ad lapidem in eodem magno fossato vsque ad lapidem fixum ad orientale cornerium eiusdem magni fossati et de illo lapide directe <55> versus occidentem de lapide ad lapidem per eundem fossatum vsque ad alium lapidem fixum ad occidentalem finem eiusdem fossati et de illo lapide ex transverso versus boriā vsque ad lapidem fixum in angulo subtus eundem fossatum et abinde descendendo versus occidentem ex australi parte cimiterij ecclesie santic Philippi vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio fossati de kyngesorcharde et sic per eundem <56> fossatum versus boriā ex parte occidentali cuiusdam venelle vocate Seint Phelip' is lane. vsque ad lapidem fixum super fossatum Castri Bristollie iuxta portam eiusdem Castri vocatam Netheryate et ab eodem lapide semper per fossatum eiusdem castri ex parte boriali eiusdem fossati vsque ad portam eiusdem ville vocatam Neweyate et ab eadem porta versus occidentem ex parte occidentali <57> fossati vocati le Motdyche eiusdem Castri vsque ad lapidem fixum in cornerio eiusdem fossati et de eodem lapide directe versus austrum in occidentali parte eiusdem fossati Castri predicti vsque ad filum predictę aque abone. et sic per filum eiusdem aque Abone directe versus orientem vsque ad predictum finem communis muri eiusdem ville Bristollie qui se extendit ab eodem filo aque ibidem versus occidentem vsque ad predictum¹ Turrim <58> vocatum¹ Tourharatz² Ad quem finem muri predicti perambulacio predicta incepta fuit Quas quidem bundas pro signis metis et diuisis inter Comitatus predictos vt predictum est; prefati Iusticiarii ponunt statuunt et adiudicant imperpetuum duraturas Et preceptum est cuilibet dictorum vicecomitum quod publice proclamari faciat in omnibus locis balliue sue³ vbi viderit melius expedire quod omnes et singuli dicte balliue sue metas <59> et diuisas predictas per prefatos Iusticiarios in dicta perambulacione sua positas statutas et adiudicatas inuiolabiliter teneant et obseruent imperpetuum In quorum omnium testimonium tam prefati Iusticiarii quam Robertus Chedre et walterus Frompton' de

¹ *Abbreviated in MSS. Expanded as masculine in agreement with line <18> (See p. 148).*

² *Tourharacz in Patent Roll, 20th Dec.*

³ *Sue inserted above the line.*

certain spring called Beggereswelle¹ on the northern part of the same spring ; and from the same stone directly southwards on the eastern part of the ditch of a certain garden called Dychesorchard² as far as a certain stone fixed upon the water of Frome on the northern part of the same water ; and so in a line along the same water on the northern part of the same water westwards as far as a stone fixed upon the same water opposite the great ditch of the town of Bristol ; and from thence directly eastwards across the same water of Frome as far as a stone fixed on the southern part of the same water in the aforesaid great ditch of the same town ; and from that stone directly along the same ditch as far as a great stone fixed without the gate of the same town called Laffordesyate³ hard by the same gate ; and from that stone directly eastwards from stone to stone in the same great ditch as far as a stone fixed at the eastern corner of the same great ditch ; and from that stone directly westwards from stone to stone along the same ditch as far as another stone fixed at the western end of the same ditch ; and from that stone across northwards as far as a stone fixed in the angle below the same ditch ; and from thence descending westwards on the southern part of the cemetery of the church of Saint Philip as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the ditch of Kyngesorcharde⁴ ; and so along the same ditch northwards on the western part of a certain lane called Seint Phelip is lane⁵ as far as a stone fixed upon the ditch of the Castle of Bristol near the gate of the same Castle called Nether-gate ; and from the same stone always along the ditch of the same Castle on the northern part of the same ditch as far as the gate of the same town called Neweyate⁶ ; and from the same gate westwards on the western side of the ditch called the Motdych⁷ of the same Castle as far as a stone fixed in the corner of the same ditch ; and from the same stone directly southwards on the western part of the same ditch of the Castle aforesaid as far as the thread aforesaid of the water of Avon ; and so along the thread of the same water of Avon directly eastwards as far as the aforesaid end of the common wall of the

¹ Or Begger-well.

² Diches or Ditch's Orchard.

³ Lawford's gate.

⁴ King's Orchard.

⁵ St. Philip's Lane.

⁶ Newgate.

⁷ Moat ditch.

predicto Comitatu Bristollie Radulphus waleys et Iohannes Crook de predicto Comitatu Gloucestrie et Iohannes Beket et walterus laurentz¹ de Comitatu Somers[ete] de predictis iuratis ad peram<60>bulacionem illam faciendam presentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt etcetera.

¹ Laurencz in *Patent Roll*, 20th Dec.

same town of Bristol which extends from the same thread of water in the same place westwards as far as the aforesaid tower called Tourharatz ; at which end of the wall aforesaid the perambulation aforesaid was begun. Which bounds, indeed, for signs, metes and divisions between the Counties aforesaid as is aforesaid the aforesaid Justices place, set and adjudge to endure for ever. And it is commanded to each of the said Sheriffs that he shall cause to be proclaimed publicly in all places of his bailiwick where he shall consider it most expedient that all and singular of his said bailiwick shall inviolably hold and observe for ever the metes and divisions aforesaid by the aforesaid Justices in their said perambulation placed, set and adjudged. In witness of all of which as well the aforesaid Justices as Robert Cheddre and Walter Frompton of the aforesaid County of Bristol, Ralph Waleys and John Crook of the aforesaid County of Gloucester and John Beket and Walter Laurentz of the County of Somerset of the aforesaid jurors present for making that perambulation have set their seals, etc.

[1st October, 47 Edward III, [1373].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Mai[ori] Burgensibus liberis hominibus et toti Communitati ville Bristollie ac suburbiorum et procinctus eorundem ; salutem Cum commiserimus <2> dilecto nobis Iohanni Viel Comitatum nostrum Bristollie custodiendum per vnum annum iuxta libertates dilectis nobis Burgensibus ville predicte per cartam nostram concessas et confirmatas Ita quod <3> firmas debitas nobis reddat annuatim et de debitis nostris ac omnibus aliis ad officium vice[co]mitis dicti Comitatus B[ristollie] spectantibus nobis respondeat ad scaccarium nostrum prout <4> in litteris nostris patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus quod eidem Iohanni tanquam vicecomiti Comitatus Bristollie in omnibus que ad officium viceco<5>mitis eiusdem Comitatus pertinent intendentes sitis et respondentes In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud westmonasterium <6> primo die Octobris Anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo quarto per ipsum Regem

Faryngton

[Written in pencil in a modern hand] 47 Edw^d 3rd

[Endorsed] Commissio Iohannis <2> Viel primi Vicecomitis <3> Bristollie

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department : Royal Charters and Letters Patent : 01251(1-2)). It is written on parchment measuring $13\frac{3}{16} \times 4\frac{9}{16}$ ins., much stained and worn by damp. The great seal in cream wax is attached to a parchment strip cut from the right along the lower edge of the skin.

It is not given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," but there is a note on it in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 82.

1st October, 47 Edward III, [1373].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to the Mayor, burgesses, free men and all the commonalty of the town of Bristol and the suburbs and precinct of the same, greeting. Whereas we have committed to our beloved John Viel our County of Bristol to be kept for one year according to the liberties to our beloved burgesses of the town aforesaid by our charter granted and confirmed. So that he shall pay the farms due to us yearly and shall answer to us at our Exchequer concerning our dues and all other things to the office of Sheriff of the said County of Bristol belonging, as in our letters patent thereupon made is more fully contained. We command you that you shall be intendent and respondent to the same John as Sheriff of the County of Bristol in all things which pertain to the office of Sheriff of the same county. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the first day of October in the forty-seventh year of our reign of England but in the thirty-fourth of our reign of France.

By the King himself.

Faryngton.

[Written in pencil in a modern hand] 47 Edw^{d.} 3^{rd.}

[Endorsed] Commission of John Viel, first Sheriff of Bristol.

[30th October, 47 Edward III, [1373].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex² Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus³ ad quos presentes littere peruenerint; salutem Inspeximus⁴ quandam perambulacionem super metis et diuisis inter Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete], et Comitatum Bristollie, de mandato nostro factam et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam in hec verba: Dominus Rex mandauit . . . [here follows the mandate of 30th September, 47 Edward III (See p. 146).]

<60> Nos autem tenorem perambulacionis predicte ad requisicionem dilectorum nobis Maioris et Burgensium dicte ville Bristollie tenore presentium duximus exemplificandum In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud westmonasterium tricesimo die Octobris Anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo regni <61> vero nostri Francie tricesimo quarto Faryngton'

[On the outer side of the fold at the lower edge] exa[minate] per

Robertum de Faryngton' clericum

[Endorsed] ¶ Carta <2> de metis <3> et bundis <4> Bristollie

[In a later hand] Anno 47: Ed. 3 <2> 30: October/

[In another hand] Edward 3^d 1340 Error <2> anno Regni quadragesimo septimo D C

[In a later hand] 30th Oct. 1373.

¹ Text from the original document preserved in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01209). It is written on parchment measuring $22\frac{1}{2} \times 32$ ins. The great seal in green wax is attached to the folded lower edge by red and purple silk cords.

The initial E is elaborately illuminated in a design differing from that of the charter of 8th Aug. (See p. 118), though the royal arms, city arms and full-length portrait of the king again form its chief features. The king is pictured standing, clad in a long blue robe and ermine-lined cloak ornamented with gold fleur-de-lis. This is worn over a tight-sleeved scarlet gown. He wears a gold crown and carries a long gold sceptre. Most of the loop letters and capitals along the top line are grotesquely ornamented in black and yellow. Variations are noted below.

Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "Bristol Charters," p. 84, and a note in Latimer's "Bristol Charters," p. 83.

The first inspection of the present letters patent is made in those of 20th Dec. of the same year (See p. 170).

² Capital R written in gold and black.

³ Capital O written in blue and red.

⁴ Capital I written in gold and purple in original inspeximus, 20th Dec., where it is the first word of the inner, or second, skin.

30th October, 47 Edward III, [1373].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. We have inspected a certain perambulation upon the metes and divisions between the Counties of Gloucester and Somerset and the County of Bristol, made by our mandate and returned into our Chancery, in these words:—The Lord the King has commanded . . . [*here follows the mandate of 30th September, 47 Edward III (See p. 147).*] Now we, at the request of our beloved Mayor and burgesses of the said town of Bristol, have thought fit to have the tenor of the perambulation aforesaid exemplified by the tenor of these presents. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the thirtieth day of October in the forty-seventh year of our reign of England but in the thirty-fourth of our reign of France.

Faryngton.

[*On the outer side of the fold at the lower edge*] Examined by Robert de Faryngton, clerk.

[*Endorsed*] ¶ Charter concerning the metes and bounds of Bristol.

[*In a later hand*] In the 47th year : Ed. 3. 30 : October.

[*In another hand*] Edward 3d. 1340. Error, in the forty-seventh year of the reign. D.C.

[*In a later hand*] 30th Oct., 1373.

[20th December, 47 Edward III, [1373].]

Edwardus¹ dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere peruenint [*sic*] salutem Inspeximus² cartam nostram per quam concessimus et confirmauimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris dilectis nobis Burgensibus ville nostre Bristollie et eorum heredibus et successoribus imperpetuum quod dicta villa Bristollie cum suburbiis suis et procinctu eorundem <2> iuxta fines et bundas prout limitata existunt de Comitatibus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] separata sit pariter et in omnibus exempta tam per terram quam per aquam et quod sit Comitatus per se et Comitatus Bristollie nuncupatus imperpetuum ac certas alias libertates et quietancias in eadem carta contentas sub data octauu diei Augusti proximo preteriti factam in hec verba Edwardus³ dei gracia . . . [*here follows the charter of 8th August, 47 Edward III (See p. 118).*]⁴ <60> [I]nspeimus⁵ eciam quasdam litteras nostras patentes per quas quandam perambulacionem super metis et diuisis inter predictos Comitatus Gloucestrie et Somers[ete] et dictum Comitatum Bristollie de mandato nostro per fines et Bundas supradictos factam et in Cancellaria nostra retornatam exemplificari fecimus in hec verba Edwardus⁶ dei gracia . . . [*here follow the letters patent of 30th October, 47 Edward III (See p. 168).*]⁷ <114> Nos de assensu et concordia Prelatorum Nobilium <115> Magnatum et Communitatis in parlamento nostro apud westmonasterium in Crastino sancti Edmundi Regis et Martiris proximo preterito conuocato existencium tam dictam cartam nostram et omnes et singulas concessionones libertates et quietancias ac alia quecumque in eadem carta contenta et specificata quam perambulacionem

¹ Text from the original document in the archives of the Corporation of Bristol (C.T.'s Department: Royal Charters and Letters Patent: 01210). It is written on two skins of parchment, the outer, and first, measuring $32\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ ins. and the inner $32\frac{1}{2} \times 21\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Parts of the document are much discoloured by damp stains. The great seal in green wax is attached to the fold at the lower edge by green and red silk cords. There are needle holes down both sides of each skin.

The initial E of the outer skin is elaborately illuminated in yet another variation of design (See pp. 118 and 168). Royal arms and city arms are once more included but the full-length portrait of the king shows him sitting enthroned, gold-crowned and sceptred. He wears a blue gown, gold-clasped over a tight-fitting red robe. Most of the loop letters and capitals along the top line of this outer skin are ornamented with grotesque heads and figures of men and animals drawn in black ink. Other variations are noted below.

There is an enrolment of this document in Patent Roll, 47 Ed. III, m. 11-9 (P.R.O. C66/289, m. 11-9), and a copy in "The Little Red Book of Bristol" (C.T.'s Department: Customs: 04718), f. 38. This is calendared in Bickley's edition, Vol. I, p. 101, where a note is made as to its correcting an error in Seyer's

20th December, 47 Edward III, [1373].

Edward, by the grace of God, King of England and France and Lord of Ireland, to all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. We have inspected our charter by which we have granted and confirmed for us and our heirs to our beloved burgesses of our town of Bristol and their heirs and successors for ever that the said town of Bristol with its suburbs and the precinct of the same, according to the limits and bounds as they are limited, shall be separated from the Counties of Gloucester and Somerset equally, and in all things exempt as well by land as by water and that it shall be a County of itself and [be] called the County of Bristol for ever, and certain other liberties and quittances in the same charter contained under date the eighth day of August last past made in these words:—Edward, by the grace of God . . . [*here follows the charter of 8th August, 47 Edward III (See p. 119).*] We have inspected also certain [of] our letters patent by which a certain perambulation upon the metes and divisions between the aforesaid counties of Gloucester and Somerset and the said County of Bristol made by our mandate, by the limits and bounds abovesaid and returned into our Chancery, we have caused to be exemplified in these words:—Edward, by the grace of God . . . [*here follow the letters patent of 30th October, 47 Edward III (See p. 169).*] We, by the assent and concord of prelates, nobles, magnates and commons being in our Parliament assembled at Westminster on the Morrow of Saint Edmund, King and Martyr, last past, as well our said charter and all and singular the grants, liberties and quittances and other things whatsoever in the same charter contained and

"Bristol Charters," p. 87. 'Instead of *'Supra fines et bundas supra literasque illas'* the reading is *'per fines et bundas supradictos literasque illas.'*' There is also a copy in "*Ricart's Kalendar*," ff. 210-224 (C.T.'s Department: *Customals*: 04720(1)). This is annotated in the Camden Society edition, pp. 90-91.

Transcript and translation are given in Seyer's "*Bristol Charters*," pp. 85-87, and a note in Latimer's "*Bristol Charters*," p. 84.

² Capital I written in gold and purple.

³ Capital E do. do.

⁴ In the right-hand margin opposite line <5>, is drawn a hand pointing outwards.

⁵ A blank space has been left for the capital I.

⁶ Capital E written in gold and purple.

⁷ Line <60> is the last on the outer skin. The inner begins with the word *Inspeximus*, the capital I being written in gold and purple. Opposite line <87>, in the right-hand margin, in a later hand, is written *Crokernepullle*.

predictam per dictas litteras nostras patentes exemplificatam super metis et diuisis sic factis inter predictos Comitatus Gloucestrie <116> et Somers[ete] et predictum Comitatum Bristollie per fines et bundas supradictos litterasque illas¹ [et om]nia et singula in eisdem litteris contenta prefatis Burgensibus Bristollie et eorum heredibus et successoribus pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum tenore presencium ratificamus approbamus et confirmamus prout carta et littere nostre predicte plenius testantur : In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud <117> westmonasterium vicesimo die Decembris Anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo septimo regni vero nostri [Francie tricesimo] quarto Faryngton'

[*On the outside of the fold at the lower edge*] Confirmed by Act of Parliament as ape . . . [*obliterated by damp.*]

[*Endorsed*] Carta confirmacionis Domini E. tertij

[*In a later hand*] Anno 4 : Ed : 4 : <2> 20 : December

[*In a later hand*] Edward 3 1373²

[*In a later hand*] Edward 3 1373³

¹ See note 1, p. 170.

² 4 : 1446 crossed out and 3 1373 written beneath in a yet later hand.

³ 4 : 1446 crossed out and 3 1373 written above in a yet later hand.

specified, as the perambulation aforesaid, exemplified by our said letters patent upon the metes and divisions so made between the aforesaid Counties of Gloucester and Somerset and the aforesaid County of Bristol, by the limits and bounds abovesaid ; and those letters and all and singular in the same letters contained to the aforesaid burgesses of Bristol and their heirs and successors for us and our heirs forever by the tenor of these presents, do ratify, approve and confirm as our charter and letters aforesaid more fully testify. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Westminster on the twentieth day of December in the forty-seventh year of our reign of England but in the thirty-fourth of our reign of France.

Faryngton.

[*On the outside of the fold at the lower edge*] Confirmed by Act of Parliament as ap[peareth . . .]

[*Endorsed*] Charter of confirmation of the Lord E[dward] the Third.

[*In a later hand*] In the 4th year : Ed : 4. 20 : December.

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RULES FOR TRANSCRIBING DOCUMENTS.¹

NOTE.—The idea here aimed at is that, where any document is transcribed in full, the printed text, using as few and as simple conventional signs as possible, should yet represent the original exactly ; with the single exception embodied in Rule A (1). All intrusion of the personality of the Editor or Transcriber, except in Introduction or Notes, is thus avoided as far as possible.

Unless it is otherwise stated, the Rules apply equally to documents written in Latin, French, or English.

A.—ABBREVIATIONS, LETTERS AND SIGNS.

- (1) All abbreviations, of whatever kind, whose meaning is undoubted are to be extended : see, however, C (3) below.
- (2) Abbreviations whose meaning is in the least uncertain are to be represented by an apostrophe. This will apply particularly to surnames and place-names in Latin ; and to the terminations of certain words in English documents of an early date :

e.g., pcell = parcell'.

- (3) Capitals ; small letters used where capitals might be expected ; and the use of the letters *c* (when used for *t* before a *y* sound in Latin words), *e* (for the Latin diphthong *ae*) *i*, *j*, *u*, and *v* : all these are to reappear as they are found in the original.
- (4) Stops, when they are found in the original, should always be copied ; and when they are not so found must not be inserted.
- (5) All paragraphs and other marks deliberately made in the original are to be copied.
- (6) Figures are to be copied as nearly as possible, whether they are Roman (large or small letters) or Arabic numerals :

e.g., M C ^{xx}iii : 1 180.

B.—TEXT.

The principle adopted is to secure a distinction between the original Scribe's writing and the Editor's or Transcriber's insertions by means of the contrast—

(a) Between Roman and Italic Type.

(b) Between the plain text and words, etc., placed within square brackets.

¹ Taken verbatim from Jenkinson's *Manual of Archive Administration*, pp. 225–227.

- (1) The text, as written by the original Scribe, should be copied for ordinary (Roman) type.
- (2) Words or letters, missing by some accident, which can be certainly supplied by the Transcriber or Editor, are to be in Roman but within square brackets:

e.g., Ge[orge] Washington.

This does not apply to mistakes by the original Scribe: see Rule (6) below.

- (3) Missing letters which cannot certainly be supplied are to be represented by approximately the same number of dots within square brackets. If several words or lines are missing, the dots may be replaced by a note in Italic within square brackets:

e.g., [one line illegible]; [half a line torn off]; [address missing].

- (4) In the case of corrections of any kind in the original, what the Scribe finally left is to stand in the text as in Rule (1) above.
- (5) The fact that any alteration was made by the Scribe is to be indicated by a note in square brackets at the point affected or at the foot of the page. Thus a Scribe may—
 - (A) Delete a sign, letter, or word by striking it through;
 - (B) Delete by expunging (placing dots or a line underneath);
 - (C) Delete by erasing (scraping out);
 - (D) Insert a word, etc., above the line, in the margin, and so forth;
 - (E) Write a fresh word, etc., over what he first wrote.

These facts should be indicated in the following ways, words from the original being in Roman, the rest of the note in Italic:

- (A) The King [Queen *struck through*] desires . . .
- (B) The King [Queen *expunged*] desires . . .
- (C) The King [Queen *erased*] desires . . .
- (D) The Chief¹ Magistrate wishes . . .
- (E) President Wilson² desires . . .
- (6) Words, etc., omitted by mistake in the original and supplied in the text, emendations, and notes (such as *sic*, or ?) inserted by the Transcriber or Editor should be entirely in Italic within square brackets.
- (7) Where there is more than one copy of the original, the readings of one are to be used for the text; variants from the others being introduced only in footnotes.

¹ Chief *inserted above line*.

² Wilson *written over erasure*.

C.—EXCEPTIONAL CASES.

- (1) Notes which seem too long for the text may be placed in footnotes.
- (2) Explanations of the text required in any special cases not covered by these Rules may be placed in footnotes, as in instances below ¹ ².
 - ¹ *A blank apparently left here and James inserted later.*
 - ² *A different handwriting begins at this point.*
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The Corporation of Bristol has established a special department for the preservation of the charters and deeds, court records, minute and account books ; this and much other material which they possess has been admirably ordered by the City Archivist. These are of the greatest interest, not merely for municipal history, but for the history of national and imperial affairs, such as shipping, exploration, slave trading and the development of commerce from earliest times. In regard to the American colonies there are records which throw light on the Old Colonial System and the personalities of the early adventurers.

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